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LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR

A small town is home to his big dreams

By Diane Kane
Correspondent

WALES — Sometimes the best journeys lead back home.

Edward Fisher Jr., 24, grew up in Wales. He attended Tantasqua Regional High School and earned an associate degree in Computer Science from Quinsigamond Community College.

His journey took him on some unexpected paths.

"I was working as a costumed interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village," Fisher said.

"I pitched the idea of a mobile app visitors could use to make their visit to OSV better by providing the user with additional historical information as well as some basic social media integration. The museum liked the idea and contracted me to build the app through my new business, Fisher Tech Solutions LLC. Upon starting the company, I also decided to go back to school for computer science."

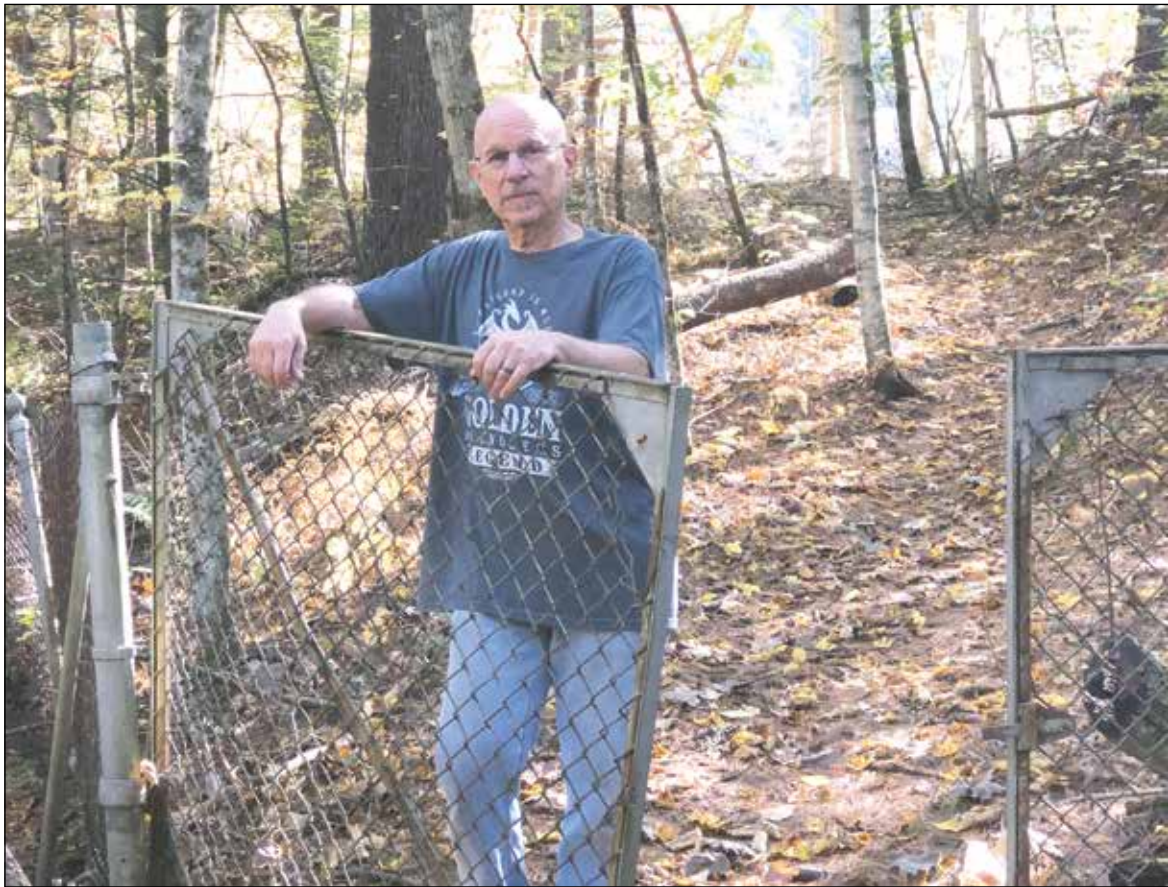
Fisher decided to base his company in his hometown of Wales, where he and the company are actively involved in the community. Fisher Tech Solutions LLC helps small businesses with affordable digital marketing and web design services. Fisher explained that he "modernizes businesses that have been slow to convert to digital."

"Our business utilizes a monthly recurring revenue model that allows us to invest in our client's digital property on a continuous basis," he said. "Because of this, our customers were able to quickly adapt to the changes in consumer behavior at the start of the COVID crisis."

Fisher Tech Solutions also cares about the senior population in Wales and provides a free senior tech help service once a month at the Wales Senior Center.

"The goal of this program is to provide seniors with assistance in tasks like navigating social media, avoiding online scams, and manag-

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Turley Publications photos by Michael Harrison
Dave Golden at the open gate where the Burleigh Park trail ends and Thorndike Fire and Water District property begins. Golden was dismayed to discover many trees were harvested in a logging operation at the site.

GOVERNMENT

Fire/water district defends logging near Burleigh Park

By Michael Harrison
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PALMER — There's a few things about a logging operation on property adjacent to Burleigh Park officials with the Thorndike Fire and Water District want you to know.

Chief among them is that hikers or other visitors to the park who wander onto the property — which is owned by the district and not the town — are trespassing. Another is, unless you're a customer of the water district and served by the Thorndike Fire Department, they want you to follow the advice of singer/songwriter Kacey Musgraves and mind your own biscuits.

"The fire and water department made a decision about how to manage our property and anyone who is hiking there is trespassing on our property," Commissioner Ralph Robak said about

the "short-term logging" at the site that officials insist is done with all necessary approvals from the state's department of conservation and recreation in place.

As far as specifics about the logging, other than acknowledging trees are being cut down to raise revenue for the district, Robak and fellow Commissioner Ruth Curtin were reticent.

"It's the business of the Thorndike Fire District," Robak said. "If you don't live in Thorndike, if you're not a customer, it's none of your business."

Curtin said it's simply a matter of the district leveraging one of its assets to boost cash flow.

"We're just looking out for our customers," Curtin said.

One Palmer resident who lives outside the district takes exception to the logging.

Dave Golden, chairman of the Palmer Master Plan Steering

The fire and water department made a decision about how to manage our property and anyone who is hiking there is trespassing on our property

— Commissioner
Ralph Robak

Committee, is an avid hiker and familiar with all the local trails and parks. He said he was distraught when he saw trees near the Burleigh Park trails had been cut down. He first vented in a Facebook post in the Neighbors and Residents Of Three Rivers group. Then he emailed several town of-

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COMMUNITY

Final free week for Journal Register

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Patrick Turley, Publisher

COMMUNITY

Monson going all-in for Halloween, promoting unity



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden
From now until Oct. 29, Monson residents have the chance to vote for their favorite scary pumpkin at Town Hall.

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON — Following the same formula of their recent National Night Out event, town officials in Monson want to bring the residents closer together this Halloween.

Town of Monson Assistant Treasurer and HR Generalist Audra Staples said during their trick or treat hours on Oct. 29, several offices in town hall, along with surrounding businesses and organizations in downtown Monson, will be giving out treats for all

visitors.

"So far, we have the police department, fire department, and council on aging participating," Staples said.

"We're working to see how many businesses we can get to participate, so people can start here or at the fire station and work their way through the downtown area."

With Halloween on Sunday this year, the official town event will be noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 29.

Staples said the purpose of

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EDUCATION

'5-star dining at a 3-star price'

Perso at Pathfinder
Tech getting rave
reviews

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER — One of the best restaurants in town just may be one of the best kept secrets in the area — but not for long.

Anyone looking to try a new place where they can experience fine dining at an affordable price can visit Perso at Pathfinder Tech.

The restaurant, which is open to the public, is run by students of the hospitality management and culinary programs who don't skip a beat when it comes to making sure each customer receives the

best experience possible.

Vocational Director Ryan Rege said since the reopening of the restaurant, which had to temporarily shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been seeing a steady increase in customers.

"Every week it's been getting busier and busier," Rege said. "People are excited to have the restaurant back open."

In the mood for a steak, mashed potatoes and vegetables? How about fish and chips or one of the house specialties, Linguine Salsiccia or Parisian Gnocchi?— all for \$10 or less. Then there's the desserts, including cremè brûlée and homemade ice cream.

Students in both programs have enjoyed their time learning how to create tasty meals and

properly serve their customers. In essence, how to run a restaurant. Pathfinder Tech Student Riley Sweet, who is in the hospitality management program, said she enjoys the fast-paced environment at Perso, which is helping her become more experienced in customer service.

"I like being able to meet different people through this job," Sweet said. "I also like the freedom of picking what role you want to do."

Fellow Pathfinder Tech Student Samuel Endlos, who is part of the culinary program, is using his time in the school's kitchen to perfect his skills.

"I have this passion to cook and in the future, I would like to open either a bakery or restaurant," Endlos said.



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden
Pathfinder Tech students Madyson Burns and Anthony Donato take Vocational Director Ryan Rege's order at Perso.

"Pathfinder has been helpful. This experience helps me understand what a restaurant is really like. It's fast-paced."

Not only do students enjoy Perso, but the customers do as

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TITO

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Crafters, artisans and vendors needed

BRIMFIELD — St. Christopher's Parish, Brimfield is seeking crafters and artisans for its annual Christmas Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the church, 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield.

Tables are \$35 each and covers both days for vendors to display and sell their goods. Additional activities will be happening including raffles and the kitchen will be serving throughout the day. To reserve a spot, call the parish at 413-245-7274 days or email Stchriswc@gmail.com. Required Covid protocols at the time of the fair will be in place.

BOOK REVIEW

Author again unveils his life in stark relief with 'Edgemere'

Monson native Steven Riel's collection lyrically recalls pop culture, raw emotions

By Nicole Acevedo
Correspondent

MONSON — Author of "Fellow Odd Fellow" and "Postcard from P-Town," Monson native Steven Riel recently released his newest full-length poetry collection, "Edgemere."

Riel's 84-page anthology whisks the reader back in time to an era filled with personal heartache, revelations, and nostalgia. Section 1 opens with an epigraph from Katie Farris' "Boysgirls" that reads, "In this world (of which I am the author) I am not the only denizen, citizen, harlequin, or doyen. I have invented myself, surely, who hasn't, but unlike (perhaps) you, have invented others — assorted godlettes, hopefuls, poets, and freaks."

A captivating opening to a set of poems that not only overflows with Riel's emotions, but vividly portrays stories for others. His first poem "Sand Pile with Sissy" is noted as being written for Rae Crosson, and seemingly reflects on the burden of desire — not longing for "claw loaders" the way their friends do in adolescence, worrying about being desired when the youth has gone and all that remains are fresh lipstick stains. Riel evokes subtle pangs in the chest through his final lines, "When my salt & pepper Rock Hudson husband returned from the city to find the workmen gone, our neighborhood completed, & me with



Steven Riel

fresh lipstick, puckered for a kiss, would he be pleased, or open his eyes one dawn & see me as a maraschino fossil buried in last week's Jell-O mold?"

Perhaps some of Riel's most lyrical prose comes from the poem "The Woman with the Transparent Purse." As the narrator watches a woman on the T stand self assured amongst the crowd of riders, her purse, a "cellophane fashion statement," they question how one makes the intimacy of their belongings public consumption so confidently. The final stanza is where Riel ties your stomach in knots with the feeling of "these items are pieces of myself no one else can witness."

He writes, "If I had a purse, it would be the nook where I'd tuck an assortment of worries in the form of hot pink Pepto Bismol and breath mints flecked with green. Slipped among lozenges would be daydreams and their props: a stash of Trojans, my diaphragm, perhaps some just-begun poems — all membrane and heartbeat. The last thing I'd want hanging on two straps from my arm would be an ultrasound of myself advertising my jellyfish dreams."

In a four-section collection, Riel encapsulates moments of raw emotion between letters of reminiscent pop culture, recognized figures, and individual experiences; ultimately, breaking the hearts of his readers, while perfectly piecing them back together.

Want to read it?

"Edgemere" is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Target and most other retailers that sell books.



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden

Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski meets with the Select Board to discuss changes in the police department related to state-mandated training.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police chief concerned training mandates could impact staffing

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON — During a recent Select Board meeting, Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski discussed concerns over state-mandated training requirements that threatens to leave the force short-staffed and drive up the department's costs.

Kozloski began the conversation by saying mandates that require part-time officers to help train new officers could divert resources that otherwise would be used for the core mission of public safety.

"For those board members who are not already aware, we rely heavily on part-time staff here to backfill (during) vacation time, sick time, holidays," Kozloski said.

"We currently have 10 part-time officers and we are using them to backfill shifts at a part-time rate, as opposed to paying full-time officers the time and-a-half rate to backfill those same shifts."

Kozloski said various other requirements could make up to half of Monson's part-time staff unavailable for long periods. He also he's been in touch with state legislators Rep. Brian Ashe and Sen. Anne Gobi to ask about additional state funding to help the department cover what Kozloski said he considers an unfunded mandate.

"Currently, we're looking at about two hundred to two hundred and fifty additional hours of training per officer" the department can't afford under the current budget, he said.

The department, Kozloski said, might be approaching a situation the public might not be fully informed about. The select board, might be "rapidly approaching the crossroads on planning how they're going to start staffing their agency with the anticipated loss of a significant number of part-time officers."

Kozloski also said he would speak with the officers' union about different scenarios that could help with retention while any changes to the state-mandated requirements are discussed.

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Town fees, taxes coming due soon

The Town of Palmer Tax Collector would like to remind all taxpayers of the following:

Fiscal Year 2022 first half sewer bills are due by Oct. 28. Fiscal Year 2022 second quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due and payable by Monday, Nov. 1.

The Tax Collector's office is accepting credit and debit card payments for property taxes either on the town website at townofpalmer.com or at the tax office. No telephone payments can be accepted.

There is a sliding scale fee for each bill paid which is passed on to the taxpayer. The fee structure can be viewed on the town website.

Call the Collector's office at 413-283-2601 with any questions about tax payments. Office hours: Monday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Hitchcock continues new annual tradition of festive family fun

BRIMFIELD — Now in its second year, Pumpkin Path is a fresh community tradition at Hitchcock Academy that boasts festive and creative, hands-on family fun, lighting up the lawn of the nonprofit community center in Brimfield with locally carved pumpkins in a path around the building.

This year's event will be held 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Hitchcock Academy, 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield.

Before the path is laid out and lit, participants are welcome to carve and paint on site with all materials provided by the center for a small fee of \$10 per pumpkin. Participants can also drop off a decorated pumpkin for display only for a fee of just \$5.

For the remainder of the evening, contestants and spectators alike may view and marvel at all the entries and vote for a contest winner. Three prizes will be awarded. The event will also include other festive fun for families and community members of all ages.

Carving a path through a pandemic year was a chal-

Pumpkin Path Is Back!



Local kids carve their pumpkins at last year's first annual Pumpkin Path at Hitchcock Academy.

lenge. As a beacon of hope that has weathered many a storm in over 60 years in operation as a community center, and even a tornado, Hitchcock found ways to keep offering enriching programming despite the limitations caused by COVID's many phases. It was first in the community to reopen its farmer's market, working with the Board of Health to ensure safe practices in line with CDC guidelines, and providing local residents with fresh food when grocery

stores weren't the safest places to be.

And when outdoor fun proved to be safer, and spirits needed lifting, Hitchcock decided to start a new tradition.

"You can cancel events, but you can't cancel community," says Executive Director Cindy Skowrya.

"We were determined to find ways to gather safely and to continue to fulfill our mission, even in trying times."

The second annual Pump-



Here's last year's winning Pumpkin Path pumpkin.

kin Path will take place on the lawn and inside Hitchcock Academy. Decorating and carving begin at 4 p.m., the path is laid out and lit at 5:30, viewing and voting takes place from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. when winners are announced. Children participating in the contest will receive a special treat bag and are encouraged to wear a costume. Prizes will be awarded to winning contestants.

The event also takes place just a week before a new session

of classes at the community center. Offerings are for all ages and include fencing, pilates, silk scarf making, dog training, yoga, Judo, piano/violin/viola/guitar lessons, and more.

This program was made possible by a sponsorship from B.T. and Sons Towing & Recovery.

To register for Pumpkin Path, and to learn more about Hitchcock and its program offerings, visit hitchcockacademy.org.

Corrections

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Virtual program takes deep dive into Colonial diseases

By Finn Sliwoski
Correspondent

PALMER — The Palmer library is hosting a Zoom event featuring a presentation by local historian Dennis Picard at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 that is not for the faint of heart.

"Pox, Pus, and Creeping Miasma: Disease and Death in Colonial

Pox and pus – at a library near you?

New England" takes a deep dive into diseases that made what was already a challenging life even more so in centuries past. Picard has been a museum professional in the living history field for 40 years. He started professionally at Old Sturbridge village, creating programs, many of which are still offered to the public today.

Since his start at O.S.V., he has held many museum and history positions with various organizations focused on the rich history of New England.

The upcoming program takes a deep dive into the health of the col-

onists. Life was precarious in early New England, and there were many perils, not least of which was the cyclical appearance of fatal epidemics. Another equal danger to health was the state of medicine and its understanding of what caused – and how to cure – some of the more common and serious of those afflictions. Picard will share a bit about the symptoms, causes and treatments endured by those living in the colonies.

Picard said he developed an interest in history at a young age.

"Growing up in the 1950s and 60s, my parents used to take us chil-

dren to local historical sites," he said.

"Also there were several loosely based historical television shows like 'Davey Crockett.' I was given this opportunity to work at Old Sturbridge Village in 1978 and decided to stay in the museum field as a career. I guess I've always been interested in history from a young age. I am mostly interested in stories about people's everyday lives."

Even though the event is being held close to Halloween, is it not intended to be spooky or scary.

"It is educational or informational," Picard said.

"The subject is kind of 'creepy,' but I've done this presentation other times of the year. This isn't for very young children. It deals with sickness and sometimes death which is not pleasant. Also, I'll be talking about how families and doctors approached illnesses which is sometimes graphic."

This virtual event is free to the public, but does require registration. To do so, palmerlibrary.org/events.

Finn Sliwoski, 10, is a fifth-grade student who resides in Holland.

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Viewpoints

Macro and micro musings on buying habits

Today's shopping opportunities differ drastically from when looking for consumer goods years ago. Decades past, when navigating the grocery store aisles, with toddler saddled inside the steel-grilled, grocery cart seat, and with another child lagging behind or standing on the cart's front rims, the narrow lanes were maneuvered with the skill of a white-knuckled Go Cart driver.

So what's the big wheel difference now?

Stores supply fun-tastic kid's carts in a variety of styles. Easy access. Double-seated. Colorful, safe, molded-plastic, race-car designs! And, parents and onlookers seem so happy when crossing the finish line.

Way back in the "olden days," long before the mammoth marts arose, some may refer to the cozy atmosphere of the neighborhood's mom and pop convenience store. Of course, the shelf varieties were smaller and the deli selections were slimmer. Yet, today, when meandering through a small, family-owned store, it's not only nostalgic, it's heartwarming.

However, nowadays, big box stores and supermarkets offer gazillions of items, with budget-friendly prices for your entire house. Penny pinchers find aisles lined with food, family clothing, audio-visual and other technology products, hardware items and tools, and in-house office supplies. And, the biggest bargains: store shelves stocked with household items of every imaginable type in humongous, value-sized cartons and packaging.

For instance, manufactures of giant, economy-size, liquid laundry detergents are poured into containers that only a strength trainer can wrestle. It's hard for any pint-sized mom to "get a grip on" any handle. Unless, of course, her accompanying Hulk Hub is monumental in attentiveness, stature, and strength.

Spending time and money for clothes is another topic that should be covered: As we look for all-season wearables, it seems that our marathon, with kids in tow, is nearing the last mile. And, by the time we get there, they've completely outgrown their wardrobe. When looking for spring and summer items, by some appearances it seems that we're paying more for less fabric and coverage.

Buyers, did you know that you're getting two mind-muscle activities for the price of each shopping experience?

While gathering items in stores, you may be performing intense workout sessions. Whether it's high level reaching, or the low-shelf searching, the stretching, lifting and squat modes qualify all of us for accomplishing intense exercising routines. And, doing two or more aisles of "seek-and-you-shall-find" activities meets the requirements for supersets of back-to-back exercise recognitions.

There's also a big movement toward downsizing, rightsizing, donating and re-arranging (we've muscled into that routine).

And, there's a huge trend in the direction of buying and living in tiny houses with compact, compressed and less living space to clutter or clean up (we're still undecided as to what our final right-sizing steps will be: underground, sealed condos or urns).

Yes, things are different now. Decisions were made between choosing the giant-economy sized products with an extended shelf life, or selecting smaller sizes that occupy less space. For a while it was quite a quandary.

But, the dilemma's done. Our economy shopping now is only for travel-size products.

GUEST COLUMNIST



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Fall questions at their peak

Palmer gardener is curious about the difference between dried and fresh herbs. "I grew and dried numerous herbs this summer and have begun to use them in recipes. Why do you need less of an herb if it is in dried form?"

Fresh herbs, by weight, contain a great deal of water. Once dried, the essential oils, which is what gives the herb its flavor, become concentrated. Because of that, most recipes will call for only one-third to one-half of a dried herb if it is being substituted for a fresh herb in a recipe.

Lisa, who is busy raking leaves in Ware, also had a timely question. "I read somewhere that leaf mold makes a wonderful soil amendment. Can you tell me how to make it?"

Leaf mold is super easy to make. Simply pile moistened leaves in the corner of your yard, either freestanding or in a bin like you would use for compost. It will take about a year for the leaves to break down. All you really have to do during the waiting process is to periodically check to make sure the leaves remain moist. To speed things up you can chop the leaves first; the smaller they are the easier they'll decompose. Turning the pile every couple of weeks to aerate can also help.

Leaf mold is valuable to the soil in many ways. It will help dry soils retain moisture as well as help clayey soils drain better. It also encourages a healthy population of worms and other beneficial organisms. Some research indicates that leaf mold is especially advantageous to growing broccoli and other members of the cabbage family- put a generous handful into the hole at transplanting time.

Marie has begun to see cranberries for sale in the store. "I absolutely love when the fruit is in season. And I tend to buy several bags when it is fresh, freeze-

ing it for use later on during the winter months. Can you tell me a bit about our native cranberry? I am a bit confused. I see a shrub labeled cranberry but then there is the whole bog-thing. Which is which?"

Vaccinium macrocarpon, the American cranberry, is native to the northeastern U.S. and Canada. It is the very same fruit that is made into all sorts of sauces, relishes and desserts come Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you think you may have cranberry on your property, identify it this way: It is more of a ground cover than a shrub or bush because of dense evergreen foliage that tops off at only two to 12 inches tall. Fall foliage is reddish-purple.

Berries are borne in the autumn, and are one-half inch long. They turn from light yellow to orange to reddish-maroon and may darken even more after harvest. And yes, bogs are part of the story. They flood the bogs so that the berries float to the top for easier harvest.

This cranberry is not to be confused with Viburnum trilobum, an eight to 12-foot multi-stemmed shrub sometimes called highbush cranberry, crampbark or even cranberry viburnum. The berries of this native shrub hang in clusters and are orange-red in color. Although they are edible, birds generally find them a whole lot more appealing than we humans do!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist



Courtesy photo

Even for experienced hikers like Tom and Julie, the Vermont section of the Appalachian Trail was an arduous journey.

ON HIKING

One state: 12 days and 156 miles

By Julie Midura
Correspondent

Fifty miles of calf deep mud. Three days of rain. Three nights spent in shelters. Eight nights in our tent. One glorious night at an inn. One sunrise on a mountaintop. One sunset on a hilltop. Longest day: 19 miles. Shortest day: 8.5 miles.

Those are the numbers; a few simple facts about our section hike on the Appalachian Trail through the entire state of Vermont. But those numbers don't even begin to hint at the truth behind what we experienced while we were out in the wilderness for 12 days. Those numbers don't show the romance or the reality of long distance backpacking.

There was so much living being done within those days and throughout those miles that it would be impossible to share it all in this limited space. So rather than bore you with a column that reads more like a diary entry, I will give you a

firsthand look at what it's like to walk at a speed of less than two miles per hour on a meandering path through the forest for 12 days.

It's hiking up a steep mountain or hill, reaching the top, hiking down the other side, then facing another one in a matter of minutes. It's gasping for air. Every. Single. Time. It's feeling a new pain in our trail-battered bodies each and every day. It's wet socks and wet shoes that never completely dry out. It's clothing that smells like a gym locker. It's waking up in your tent on a chilly morning and pulling a cold, damp, sweat-soaked shirt onto your warm body. It's being thirsty, but needing to ration your water until you reach your next water source.

It's digging a cat-hole and making your deposit when it's literally raining cats and dogs. It's climbing up the steep sidehill to Mt. Killington at 3 p.m. after hiking 10 miles already, and being exhausted to the point of shaking. It's stop-

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Letters to the Editor

Palmer's Library offers much more than you may realize!

Many people think of the Palmer Public Library simply as the place you go to get a book from, every once in a while. But, the library has so much more to offer than just loaning books.

They have many fun activities, geared towards audiences of all ages. For example, monthly Take-and-Make crafts to do at home for kids. This month, you can make Pumpkin Garland! Teens can join the Teen Writers Circle and learn to journal or write poetry. Other events include, Meet the Artist, the Roblox Club and the Minecraft Club.

Guest speakers talk about anything from dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia to Understanding Your Cat. They also have virtual cooking classes and summer concerts. At this point, many of the offerings are via Zoom. Hopefully, soon, many will be back in person.

In years past, I have attended when a falconer came in with multiple owls and talked about the owls. They even let people pet them. You can also go there to work on schoolwork in a quiet environment. They offer online resources such as links to different websites for learning or researching, and they also offer Rosetta Stone for language learning.

You can also go just to play games or watch YouTube on the computers (just remember your headphones!). In the summer they also offer a teen lunch program and summer reading, with various rewards depending on how much you read. I am lucky enough to live close enough to walk or bike to the library. If you are not as close, you can go to palmerlibrary.org, to see all of the great events going on and coming up.

Now that you know all the library has to offer, head out to downtown Palmer and enjoy the great library that our town is fortunate to have. I hope to see you all there.

Kathleen G. Day
Palmer

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

The basics of applying for Social Security

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I am planning to apply for Social Security in May of 2022 and would like to understand how to file. I will be taking it when I am 62. Signed: Ready to Retire

Dear Ready to Retire: Congratulations on your upcoming retirement! You should apply for your Social Security benefits about three months before you wish benefits to begin. You will tell them the month you want benefits to start when you apply. Since you plan to apply at age 62, be aware that you must be 62 for an entire month to be eligible for benefits, you cannot get benefits for the month you turn 62, unless you were born on the first or second of the month. Rather you become eligible the following month.

Your benefit payment date will be either the second, third or fourth Wednesday of the month, depending on the day of the month you were born. Born between the first and 10th of the month your payment will be received on the second Wednesday; born between the 11th and 20th of the month, payment will be made on the third Wednesday; born after the 20th of the month your payment will be received on the fourth Wednesday.

You can apply for benefits over the phone by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, or by calling your local office, and requesting an appointment to apply. However, by far the most efficient way to apply is online at www.ssa.gov/applyforbenefits. Here's a link to a short video about applying online https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm. To do the online application you will first need to create your personal "my Social Security" online account which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have that online account set up, you will see your estimated benefit amounts at several ages. You'll see that if you claim at age 62 your benefit will be 30% less than it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 (a permanent reduction), and you'll also see that your benefit at age 70 would be about 75% more than your benefit at age 62.

Please also be aware that if you claim before your full retirement age and you continue to work, Social Security has a limit for how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The 2022 earnings limit is not yet known, but it will be something a bit more than the 2021 limit of \$18,960. If you exceed the annual limit, Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, which is half of what you exceed the limit by. The earnings limit goes up by over 2.5 times in the year you reach your full retirement age and goes away entirely once FRA is attained.

Finally, your Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax if your combined income from all sources is high enough. The thresholds depend on your IRS filing status – if you file as "married/jointly" and your combined income (yours and your husband's) is more than \$32,000, then 50% of your Social Security benefits for the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. If your combined income as a married couple is more than \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits will be taxable. The thresholds are less if you file your taxes as a single person. In that case, income over \$25,000 means 50% of your Social Security benefits are taxable, and income over \$34,000 means up to 85% of your benefits will be taxed at whatever your normal IRS tax rate is.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to mharrison@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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ing their tech devices," Fisher said.

"Additionally, we provide free repairs and maintenance for tech devices on a case-by-case basis. Our service is open to anyone in the community, but we focus on seniors since they have the most to gain from free support provided by patient tech professionals."

Fisher wants to reduce the amount of time and money seniors spend on services like those provided by big box retailers like Staples.

"These companies charge exorbitant rates for simple services like virus removal, RAM upgrades, and disk cleanup," he said.

"We also hope that by helping seniors to navigate technical issues, we are reducing the chances of them becoming victims to online scams as well as making it easier for them to get the most out of services like social media."

Some extraordinary young people have joined Fisher's vision. In June 2020, 20 year-old Dennis James Stelmach of Dudley joined Fisher's team. Stelmach attended Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

"I started programming at an early age (around 12) and loved it from the start," Stelmach said.

"It's only natural that I continued that feeling into my work. I make computer programs and websites. A lot of websites I do for free just because I like to make them. A current project is for a local resident and their puppy breeding business."

Stelmach got a boost along the way from a mentor.

"A few years ago, it was John Rice that really showed me the way into the professional computer programming field. Before then, I was just making simple programs for fun, but he showed me that I can make money doing what I love," Stelmach said.

But there are challenges.

"Sometimes, clients come in with the expectation I can make the next Google. I'm just one person," Stelmach said. "It's always fun to be able to problem-solve my way through tasks and projects."

Emma Johnson, 30, who grew up in Wales and Brimfield, found her way to Fisher Tech through her passion for art.

"I like how quiet it is here," Johnson said. "As well as the beautiful parks, trails, and bodies of water that are so plentiful in our area."

Art has always been part of Johnson's life.

"I was an artist and wanted to have a job that was more consistent, so I started working at OSV, where I met Eddie. After four years of OSV, I was ready to switch it up, and by that time, Eddie had started Fisher Tech Solutions, so I offered my services to help him grow Fisher Tech. It's been great! I love working with the team!"

Johnson started at Fisher Tech as an independent contractor nearly a year ago and was hired as an employee last March. She manages the task board for the team.

"I create most of our social media posts, and I translate 'programmer language' for some of our clients," Johnson said. "I also help explain tech to the seniors at our senior tech help afternoons."

When asked who inspired her, Johnson said, "Well, actually, I find Eddie rather inspiring. He believed in himself and started his business at such a young age. He keeps pushing through each roadblock and difficulty without ever losing his resolve."

One aspect of the job was hard to get used to at first, Johnson said.

"Most of the jobs I've had in my life have had more of a focus on physical work, so it's very different for me to sit at a computer all day."

But she finds so many positives about her work. "Being able to work from home makes me very happy, as well as being a part of a small (and growing) business that has so much love and excitement in it."

Johnson plans to continue to grow into her position at Fisher Tech, and she has some other exciting plans for the future.

"I want to start making art again, and I've actually been thinking of starting a little doughnut business and sell at farmer's markets. We'll see."

Eric Lagacy, 28, is the newest member of the Fisher team. Lagacy grew up in Ware and attended Ware High School Class of 2011. He furthered his education at Fitchburg State University Class of 2016. Lagacy's journey took some turns. "Originally, I was going for my degree in psychology," he said.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to do. I got lucky and got a job working with kids. I really enjoyed it and kept doing it for a few places. Until COVID, that is. I started working with Fisher Tech right at the end of the school year in June (2021). It's been a very fun experience to learn and let my marketing creativity out."

Switching careers wasn't easy for Lagacy, but he has found some hidden benefits.

"The best part of what I do is helping out people however I can, which requires a lot of out-of-the-box thinking," he said. "I have really enjoyed seeing the small businesses and nonprofits I've worked with grow and succeed."

He found inspiration from his girlfriend Stephanie, who recently opened her own photography business in Palmer. Lagacy's plans for the future include helping to grow both Fisher Tech and SS Photography.

"The ultimate goal is to make the brands as successful as possible," he said.

Community involvement

Fisher not only brought his business home to Wales, but he also invests his personal time and talents into the town.

"I like that Wales is a small town that still holds open town meetings on a yearly basis," Fisher said.

"I joined the Wales Finance Committee in March of this year. As a finance committee member, I help

to plan and approve the town budget as well as provide oversight on budget requests from town departments."

Building an e-commerce platform (My Community Made) that allows small business owners who can't afford to set up their own website by allowing them to host their products and services for \$5 a month is just one of Fisher's plans to help the community.

"We decided to start building the platform due to the large influx of businesses that started utilizing Etsy during the start of COVID. Etsy charges fees based on transactions, listings, and shipping, and the platform does little to distinguish between local crafters or larger corporations using Etsy as an alternative revenue source. By charging \$5 a month and charging no transaction fees, listing fees, or shipping fees, My Community Made allows businesses to start saving compared to Etsy as soon as they hit 10 sales a month (average price of \$10) in transactions," Fisher explained.

"Currently, we are reworking the My Community Made product search to sort by location, allowing customers to purchase products based on the locality of the seller. Because we don't charge transaction fees or shipping fees, vendors can choose to accept cash or offer delivery on their products, improving the number of options available to the seller. The rebuild of My Community Made is set to launch by mid fourth quarter of this year and runs on a custom CMS built using Angular/Flask."

According to Fisher, the best part of his job is working on brand new technologies and experimenting with different ways they can be used to help small businesses.

"I also get to spend a significant amount of time meeting local business owners, learning how their businesses interact with their customers, and building a better understanding of the general local economy," he said.

But it certainly hasn't all been easy.

"A small business can choose to work with any web developer or digital marketer they want anywhere in the world," Fisher said.

"Growing the number of businesses we can service on a consistent basis, while also keeping our pricing consistently low and our sites updated, and secure is a never-ending challenge."

Plans for the future include helping the community grow by providing entrepreneurs with services to help plan, develop and launch their businesses within the local area.

"Our data from local businesses provide us with insights that will be useful to individuals opening new businesses in the local area," Fisher said.

To learn more about Fisher Tech Solutions, go to fishertechsolutions.com, mycommunitymade.com and on Facebook: fishertechsolutions and mycommunitymade.

Habitat for Humanity gives local homeowner 'a hand up'

MONSON — Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity will soon complete the final phase of a two-part home preservation project in Monson.

The home belongs to Crystal, a single mother of three teenage girls who is currently battling stage 3 Merkel cell carcinoma, a rare form of skin cancer.

Greater Springfield Habitat has replaced the carpet and linoleum flooring in the entryway, living room, kitchen, and hallway.

This week, the three exterior doors (front, side, and basement) will be replaced. The stairs and decking to the front and side entrances will also be replaced. The entryway on the side of the house will be widened to support a table should the mother need somewhere to put groceries as she brings them into the house.

"The Habitat Home Preservation Program is here to help folks just like Crystal," said Deborah O'Mara, GSHFH Family Services manager.

"She is a hardworking single mother who is doing her best

to provide for her family but she just doesn't have the extra resources to pay for needed home repairs."

O'Mara said GSHFH relies on partners in the building trades to help residents in need.

"The interior work done by our Habitat construction crew and the exterior work being done by Triple S Construction will enable Crystal and her daughters to live comfortably and securely in their home for many years to come," O'Mara said.

GSHFH is a housing ministry dedicated to strengthening communities by empowering low-income families to change their lives and the lives of future generations through homeownership and home repair opportunities. This is accomplished by working in partnership with diverse people, from all walks of life, to build and repair simple, decent, affordable housing. Habitat's mission to provide homeownership opportunities to low-income families is unique as they offer a hand up not a hand out, requiring partner families to



Volunteers from Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity work on the Monson home of a single mom who is battling cancer.

work alongside the community they will live in.

GSHFH has helped roughly 100 local families realize their dream of homeownership over the last 34 years.

For more information, contact Brandy O'Brien, Marketing and Communications manager, at obrien@habitatspringfield.org or 413-739-5503 ext. 1005.

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ficials, including Town Manager Ryan McNutt, Councilwoman Jessica Sizer, and Sarah Fortune, interim conservation agent for the town.

"I just happened to be on a hike that day in the park," Golden said last week, reiterating what he said in his post and the email to Palmer officials.

"I went to the reservoir and I had heard tree cutting happened, but I had no idea of the extent, that it came all the way back to where we were hiking. I lost the trail and we had to traverse our own path. Luckily I knew how to find our way back, and was able to find my way out of there, but had to walk through trees and mud and tire tracks and it was just devastating."

In his reply to Golden, McNutt, who shared his email with the Journal Register, explained the district was within its right to engage in logging on its land, that it obtained the proper permits and approvals and, "the harvest was to generate revenue (which is typical of most short-term harvests) for the Thorndike Fire District so that they can address a safety issue with the old reservoir pump house at Burleigh Park."

The latter part is not accurate, Robak said. He disputed the assertion that the old pump house poses a safety issue, but said the district is in the process of tearing it down because it's



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Tire tracks are visible where trees used to be on Thorndike Fire and Water District land that used to be the Thorndike Reservoir.

"dilapidated."

"That has nothing to do with the logging," Robak said.

Even though the district has the authority to harvest trees in what had been deep woods in the area, Golden, who is concerned over wildlife that depended on the woods and future problems with runoff after heavy rain, said he considers it unethical that it was done without informing residents.

"I absolutely do," Golden said.

"I don't think anyone really knew except the water district and a lot of people use the trails. The paths lead to the trails that go right through where they

(logged). I just hope this doesn't happen again to some of our assets in town. Our parks are something special for residents, something to do in town. It's a beautiful conservation area and it's just a same."

McNutt told Golden in his email, "The Palmer Conservation Commission is aware of the harvest and plans to re-map the trail network on this property once the timber harvest is complete."

Robak said the district plans to put up "no trespassing" signs to alert hikers or anyone else who goes off town property at the park that they are now on private property.

To the person(s) who stole the 5 mum plants in front of my house on Pease Ave.

last Wednesday.

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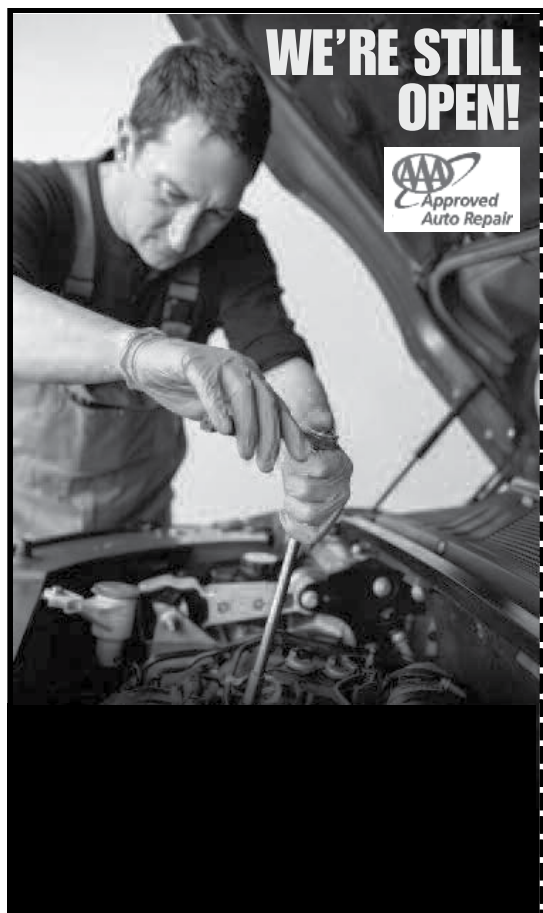
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Volunteers stop by Wales Baptist Church to remove the church's historic sign, which requires refurbishing.



Griffin Electric employee Jason Dietz and his grandfather George Gaudet use their knowledge in the electrical field and carpentry to assist with the removal and refurbishing of the Wales Baptist Church sign.

Volunteers pitch in to help preserve historic Wales Baptist Church sign

By Jonah Snowden
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WALES — Founded in 1736, Wales Baptist Church has served as a home for those who want to develop their faith in God and has members dedicated to keeping it in tip-top shape.

On Friday, Oct. 15, volunteers stopped by the church around 3 p.m., to temporarily remove its front sign and fix it up. Wales Baptist Church Pastor Gary Burdeck said once he decided the sign needed to be replaced, he

asked fellow church member Jason Dietz, along with other volunteers, to help with the project.

"We're blessed," Burdeck said.

"It's always good when people share their talents to support the ministry. The church wouldn't have been here this many years if it wasn't for the parishioners, because we're a small town and it's not like we're a real rich church."

Dietz, who stayed focused and engaged during the removal of the sign, said his dedication to the church inspired him to take on

this project.

"I love doing this, it's my passion," Dietz said.

"I love doing electrical work and like to give back and show the community what I do. The sign is very old and delicate, so we want to make sure we preserve the natural part of it, specifically the heritage and ancestry, while at the same time adding something new. That way, it looks like a new church, but the core element of what it truly remains."

To encourage other people to support their church, Dietz said

helping a local place of worship also helps the community around them.

"The goal in life is to focus on (improving) yourself, but to show that you're focusing on yourself, you need to give to the community and show that your efforts to yourself can affect others and make a better community for all," Dietz said.

Wales Baptist Church is located at 32 Main Street. For more information on the church's Sunday services, call 413-245-3109.

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ping dead in your tracks, dropping your pack to the ground, plopping down in the middle of the trail, and wanting to cry, but being too exhausted even for tears.

But it's also staying warm and dry in the shelter of a rustic cabin while the rain pours down all night. It's the taste of fresh water straight from a stream. The smell of pine trees. Watching the sun slowly drift beyond the horizon from the comfort of a down sleeping bag. Falling asleep to the sounds of the forest. It's awakening each morning, opening the flap of our tent, and knowing that you will be spending all day in paradise.

It's being ready to go home, but also wanting to keep walking. It's wanting to reach the end, but also wanting the end to never come.

It's equal parts magical and insane. It's overcoming the challenges, defying the odds, pushing past the pain, and coming out on the other side that much better for it.

We were 10 days into our hike, with two nights remaining, when we reached the top of a hill at 4 p.m. and met an elderly couple who were sitting on a large wooden log bench overlooking several mountains to the west. Norwood and Joanna own part of the property surrounding the hill, and they hike up from their home at the base of the hill as often as they can. The A.T. passes through a portion of their land. They used to hike quite often, but age has taken away that freedom.

We chatted on the open hill for a while, when Joanna suddenly said, "We can show you another lookout with a view to Mt. Ascutney if you're up for the walk." We followed the couple through the woods until we reached a spot at the edge of an open, undulating grassy meadow. The four of us stood there, admiring the views, while the couple shared some history about the town, about the trail, and about themselves. Coincidentally, they used to live not far from us in a nearby town. We could have talked with them for hours.

]Tom and I had walked 136 miles to form a moment of connection with a couple who shared so much of what makes the Appalachian Trail special. We will never forget this seemingly insignificant moment with this extraordinary couple.

Had it not been for our chance encounter with Norwood and Joanna, we would have missed out on the single most memorable moment of our entire trip several hours later. We wouldn't have been lying on our backs on a wooden bench on top of an unnamed hill, while gazing up at the Milky Way and the billions of shimmering stars that were lighting up the deep black night sky.

This moment would not have occurred had we stuck with our original plan to reach the next tent site. But out here in the wilderness, I've learned that the plans can be fluid. I've learned to let go. Take it one day at a time. Expect the unexpected. Go with the flow.

Because, out here, you can't really plan for that "came out of nowhere" lightning storm. Or that view that just begs you to linger on a mountaintop far longer than you planned. Or that sunrise that tells you you're not going anywhere until those brilliant colors on the horizon that look like a fireball finally explode into a golden orb of pure white light.

Or that birch glade is so captivating that you simply must stop and stare for a while.

Or the man you love is lying next to you in your double-wide sleeping bag, and he's sleeping so peacefully that you can't bare the thought of waking him up in order to get a big mile day in.

Out here, you loose control. In a good way. You accept what is. You embrace what comes. Our here, you let the earth do what it does... and you just go along for the ride.

My parting words to the Appalachian Trail:

I'm annoyed with you for making me walk through endless miles of mud. And for raining on me. And for making me climb up big hills and mountains... again, and again, and again. And for making my legs ache, and my lungs burn, and my heart explode out of my chest. And for making me sweat incessantly. And for the never ending miles that crushed my spirit. And for the trips and falls and bruises and blood sacrifices. And for the hairline fracture in my left foot when we still had 45 miles to go.

But I am also grateful for the endless miles that added up to millions of memories. And for the breathtaking beauty around every curve of the path. And for the endless "wow" moments that came when I least expected them.

So, thank you Appalachian Trail, for your meandering path through a magical wilderness. Thank you for the majestic mountains and the rolling hills. For the white blazes that kept urging us forward... promising us a walk to remember. Thank you for feeding our souls and leaving us hungry for more. For humbling us and empowering us all in the same moment. For making us feel more alive than we've ever felt before.

Thank you for making us love you...even in those moments when we hated you!

We look forward to meeting you again, Granite (Tom) and Glory (Julie)

To see more of our hiking adventures, follow us on Instagram @more-thanthemountain.

The couple encouraged us to stop for the day and spend the night on the hill.

"Sunset is magnificent from here!" Joanna promised.

It was early in the day, and we had plans to reach a specific tent site, but I had been experiencing pretty severe foot pain since the day before, so we took them up on their suggestion.

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Monson special meeting Nov. 1

MONSON — The Town of Monson will have a Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, Granite Valley School auditorium. View the warrant online at monson-ma.gov.

Currently a registered voter in Monson to register to vote for this meeting is Oct. 22.

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Perso, a restaurant run by students of the hospitality and culinary programs, allows residents to visit and try some of the meals, which range from mac and cheese, grilled shrimp and beef barley soup.



Students of the hospitality management and culinary programs at Pathfinder Tech work hand- in-hand to assure their customers receive the best quality food and customer service.



On Friday, Oct. 15, students of the culinary program were cooking grilled shrimp, chicken curry, beef barley soup and more.



Pathfinder Tech also offers Verde, another food spot offering café related meals.

Deadline for Palmer Cultural Council grants extended

PALMER — The Palmer Cultural Council is still accepting proposals for arts-related grants. All local residents, organizations, and schools are encouraged to apply.

The deadline was Oct. 15, but has been extended to Nov. 1.

According to Council spokesperson Beth Zelazo, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Palmer – including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Palmer Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Palmer Cultural Council will distribute about \$11,400 in grants. Previously funded projects include: a Domestic Violence Poster Exhibit by Stephen Lewis, Davis Bates-storyteller, Dr. “The Machine” Jesse Green from American Chainsaw demonstration, Ed The Wizard-magician, Hilltown Families – A community-based Education Network, Len Longstreth – musician, Kirk Whipple – musician, Dance Program and Nolumbeka Project – educational program on Native Americans.

Palmer Cultural Council Funding Priorities for fiscal year 2022 are:

- A high priority will be given to projects that encourage community involvement and a diverse audience.
- Artists and groups must have booked a program date and time with a local venue. A confirmation of venue letter must be submitted with your application.
- Organizations or individuals that have received funding for the last three years will receive lower priority.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Palmer Cultural Council, contact Zelazo at palmerculturalcouncil.com. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at mass-culture.org.

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well. Karen Morassi, who is a regular at Perso, said she enjoys everything the Pathfinder Tech restaurant has to offer.

“It’s a five-star restaurant for a three-star price,” Morassi said. “The kids are learning a lot here. It’s fun to watch them.”

The instructors of both programs are satisfied and happy to see their students successfully put their skills to use. Culinary program instructor Anthony Bishop said one of the biggest advantages of the culinary program is having students adjust to the fast-paced setting in Perso. “It’s something that you can’t teach,” Bishop said.

“They have to experience it and that’s been one of the bonuses that they’re getting.” Hungry?

To learn more about Person and check out the menu, go to pathfinder-tech.org/perso or call 413-283-9701.

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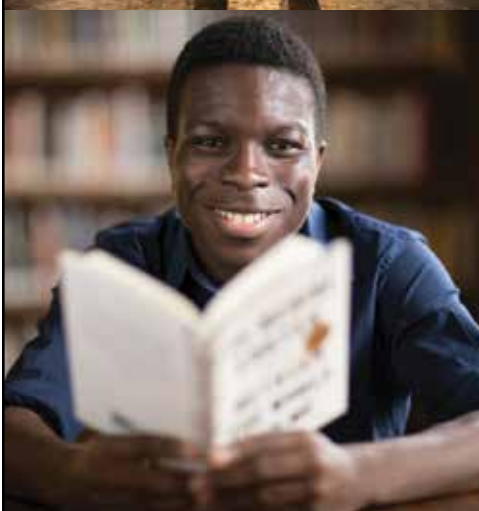
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See, learn magic

PALMER — Ed the Wizard’s “Magic for Seniors” performance will be held at the Palmer Council on Aging, 1029 Central Street in Palmer, at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. From mind-reading to coins to cards, there is something magical for all. Several impromptu magic effects will be taught so that the patrons can perform for their grandchildren and others. Be prepared to be amazed, and possibly volunteer, with Ed the Wizard’s award winning performance.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information, call 413-283-2670.



Courtesy photo

Monson resident Joseph Tiraboschi was recently promoted to Springfield College Deputy Chief.

Tiraboschi named deputy chief at Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield College Division of Finance and Administration recently announced that Lieutenant Joseph Tiraboschi of Monson has been promoted to Springfield College Deputy Chief.

Tiraboschi has been a member of the Springfield College Police Department since 2017, most recently serving as Administrative Lieutenant, where he supervised more than 40 personnel members, including officers and dispatchers. In addition, he managed all crime statistics, managed the certification in accordance with the Massachusetts State Police, and directed all

work during my time in Student Affairs and was very impressed with his dedication, care, and commitment to students and the greater community,” said Springfield College Associate Vice President for Administration Patrick Love.

“Now that I work more closely with him, I can see just how hard he works and his excellent leadership capabilities. His promotion is well-deserved and Public Safety will benefit tremendously with having him in this position.”

Prior to his role as Administrative Lieutenant, Tiraboschi worked as Detective Sergeant, overseeing all criminal and non-criminal investigations, while also taking on the responsibilities of background investigator, internal affairs investigator, and sexual assault investigator. In addition, he was responsible for enforcing all U.S. Constitutional Laws, Massachusetts General Laws, and Springfield College By-laws.

A 2013 graduate of the Massachusetts State Full-Time Police Academy, Tiraboschi transitioned from a Springfield College Police Department Dispatcher to full-time police officer in 2013. He earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Springfield College in 2010, and he is currently on pace to earn his master’s degree in counseling from Springfield College in 2022.

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Photo calendar helps Domestic Violence Task Force

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER — Residents of Palmer have yet another opportunity to support the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force’s outreach efforts by purchasing a calendar.

Manager of the Domestic Violence Task Force Emily Skoczylas said she is currently working with SS Photography, a new business in Palmer, which went around town and took 12 essential photos of the doors of local businesses and residents who agreed to have their property photographed for a calendar spread.

“The calendars are for sale to anyone who lives in the community,” Skoczylas said.

“We’re offering free delivery and are taking cash, checks or credit and debit cards. All proceeds will go directly to the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force and with these proceeds, we’re able to continue to bring education and support to victims, whether they’ve experienced domestic violence in town or have found safety in Palmer.”

Skoczylas also said the proceeds will help with other programs the task force offers, such as the Purple Light Campaign and self-defense class, as well as provide other

education and resources to residents in the community who have dealt with domestic violence. Skoczylas said she is grateful for Stephanie Snow, the owner of SS Photography, for her assistance in putting together this fundraiser.

“Stephanie is just so compassionate and so dedicated to her work,” Skoczylas said.

“She understands what it’s like for somebody who is in a domestic violence situation and has a heart of gold. I am so thankful that she’s willing to work with myself and other members of the task force, bringing light and awareness to this. Having someone who is touching and to me, it’s moving to know that we have the support of a local business.”

Snow, who said she understand the importance of supporting victims of domestic violence, said she was happy to support the task force.

“I have a background in policing,” Snow said.

“I used to be a 911 dispatcher and took many calls for domestic violence. I just wanted to use my business as an outlet.

To purchase a calendar, call Skoczylas at 413-324-855 or email palmerDVTG@gmail.com. To book a session with SS Photography, visit Ssphotographyma.com and visit them on Instagram and Facebook.

Cultural Center to hold annual meeting, membership drive

THREE RIVERS — The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center will be holding its annual meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 10 at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center located at 2072 Main Street, Three Rivers.

PHCC members, subscribers and the general public, from all communities are invited to attend. You may attend in two ways, in-person or online through a Zoom invitation. As the PHCC is planning for today, it is also needing to plan for its future, which includes the board of directors.

The board is a passionate volunteer group of persons whose mission is to provide diverse cultural activities and presentations, including history lectures, educational lectures/workshops, live musical and theatrical performances and entertainment, all which enriches peoples’ lives of all ages. PHCC is looking for current and future board members who may possess such skills as: social media, marketing, grant writing, Quickbooks knowledge, and Fund-

raising/Development experience, but these are not prerequisites.

Join the PHCC on Nov. 10 to hear more about its 10th anniversary programming year in 2022. PHCC is a regional venue with a regional focus, thus you do not need to reside in Palmer to be a member or to be board member. If you share this same passion to bring history and the arts and education as a community venture and are interested in possibly becoming a PHCC member or PHCC board member send in a letter of interest to: PHCC PO Box 642 Palmer, MA 01069 and address it to the PHCC Attn: Gov/Nom Committee or you may email them at palmerhcc@gmail.com. Feel free to call 413-289-9295 with any questions.

If you would like to attend the annual meeting but prefer to attend virtually, email the PHCC or visit the website at palmerhcc.org, where you can send in your request through Eventbrite (at no cost) and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

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TENNIS

Panthers offense remains hot

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—When Ava Denault was younger, she would watch Molly and Katie Burke, who are her older cousins, play soccer for the Palmer girls varsity team.

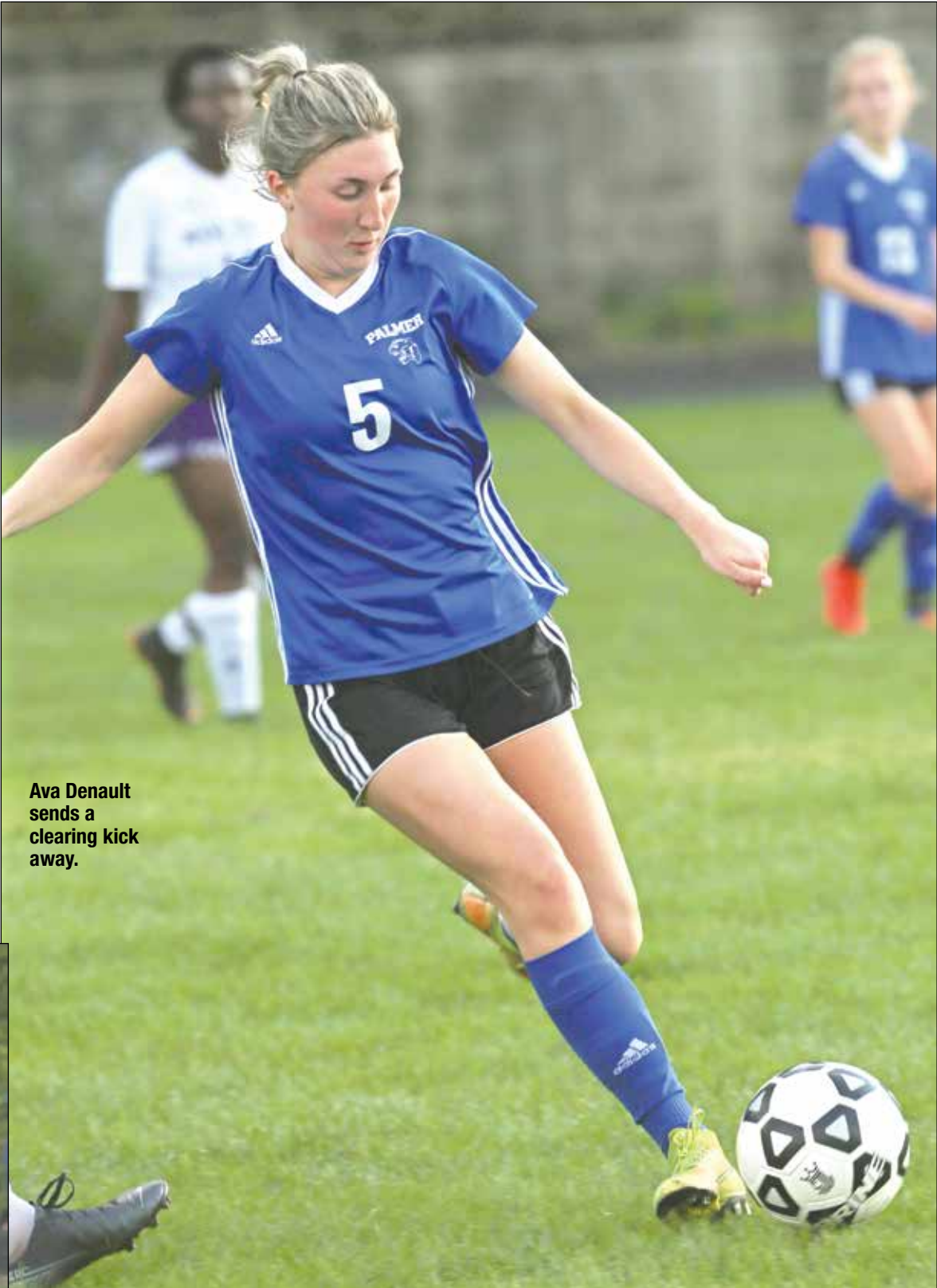
Molly Burke, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2011, is currently the girls varsity soccer coach at Holyoke High School. Denault is wrapping up her outstanding high school soccer career as a senior midfielder for the Lady Panthers.

The cousins faced each other on the soccer pitch for the final time last Monday afternoon (Oct. 11). Denault and her teammates celebrated a 9-1 non-league win over the Purple Knights at Duke Field in Palmer.

“I’ve always looked up to Molly and Katie as role models,” said Denault following the home match. “I used to go to their soccer games, and it was awesome. I would imagine what it felt like being in their positions. It was very special for me to play Molly’s team in one of my final high school games on this field.”

Just like her older cousin did, Denault joined the Palmer varsity soccer team as an eighth grader and the 2021 campaign has been very memorable so far.

After losing a non-league home match to Belchertown in the season opener, the Lady Pan-



Ava Denault sends a clearing kick away.



Gwen Duggan dribbles up the field.

thers (10-1) won their next 10 matches.

“We lost our first game of the season, which was a good learning experience for us,” said first-year Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval. “We just kept improving in each match

that we played after that.”

Despite the outcome of last week’s match, Burke, who also played basketball and softball in high school, has enjoyed facing her Alma Mater, especially when the game takes place in Palmer.

“This is the second time that

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I’ve coached a soccer game here in Palmer,” Burke said. “Ava is like a little sister to me. She used to come to my soccer games when she was in elementary school. She used to wear my jersey on the sideline. It

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Murphy locked in, nets four goals in Monson win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—Following in the footsteps of her two older sisters, Tennessee Murphy is already emerging as one of the leaders of the 2021 Monson girls varsity soccer team.

The freshman forward netted four goals and added two assists, which helped the Lady Mustangs stay undefeated with a 7-0 victory over Central Division rival Chicopee on a beautiful fall afternoon at Larry Tassinari Field in Monson, last Tuesday, Oct. 12.

“Tennessee has been very focused, and she has had a fantastic season for us,” said Monson head coach Eric Degnan. “She has scored a bunch of goals, but the thing that

stands out to me is that she also has a boatload of assists. She’s just an unselfish soccer player.”

Following the second meeting of the regular season with the Lady Pacers, Murphy had scored 28 goals and had 11 assists this season.

Tennessee’s older sisters (Brooke and Bee) were also outstanding soccer players for coach Degnan before playing at the collegiate level. Brooke played at the University of New Hampshire for four seasons, while Bee played one season at the University of Albany before transferring to Western New England University.

Chicopee head coach Ben Masse thinks Tennessee Murphy is one of the most talented soccer

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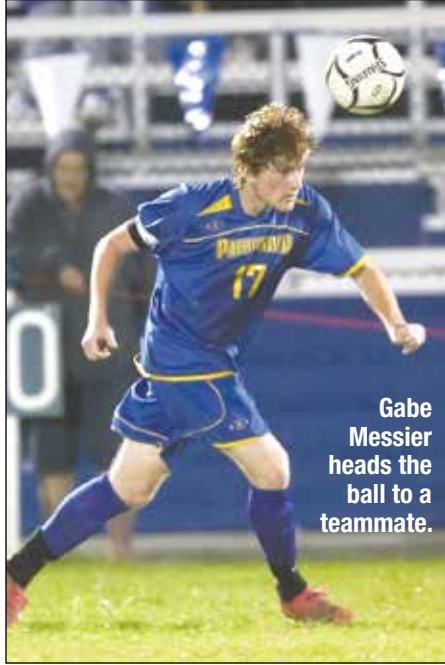
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Justin Davis, of Belchertown, heads up the field for the Pioneers.



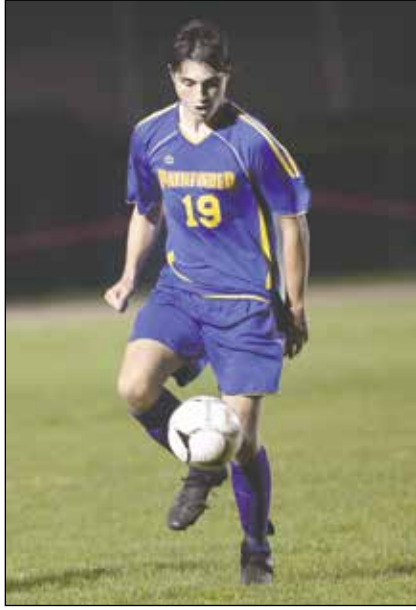
Austin Degnan shoots on goal.



Gabe Messier heads the ball to a teammate.

Peabody’s huge effort leads Pioneers

PALMER – Last Wednesday night, Byron Peabody scored a pair of hat tricks, scoring six of Pathfinder’s eight goals in an 8-0 shutout of Duggan High School. Dylan Pinto and Logan LaMadeleine had single goals. Josh Blaine and Gabe Messier had two assists each as the Pioneers remained undefeated in 2021. Pathfinder is now 13-0-1.



Riley Sanderson sends a quick side kick to a teammate.



Tucker Sikes plays the ball off his shin.



Colin Doktor passes the ball.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

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Molly O'Donnell handles the ball under pressure.



Olivia Ward drags the ball up the field.



Erin O'Donnell steals the ball away.

Panthers shut out

BELCHERTOWN – Last Tuesday night, Palmer was shut out by a tough Belchertown team 11-0. It was the Panthers’ ninth straight

loss. However, the Panthers were able to come back with a win over Hampshire Regional 1-0 on Oct. 13, the team’s first win of the season.



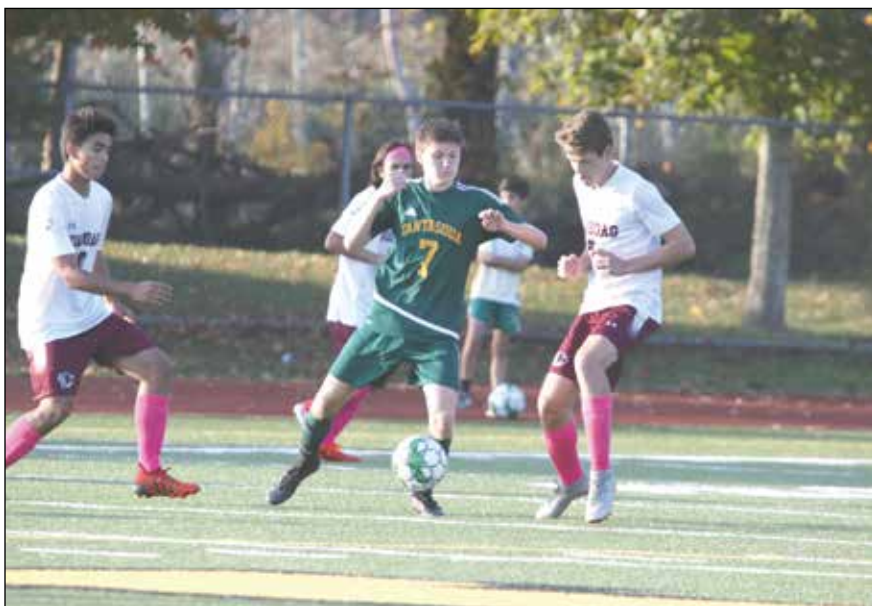
Mae Cahill tries to clear the ball out.



Mason Sarrotto runs into traffic near midfield.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

FISKDALE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Tantasqua scored the 3-0 shutout over neighboring rival Quaboag Regional. Trevor Harris had a pair of goals for the Warriors and Majed Simrin added a single goal. Tantasqua improved to 11-1-1 with a perfect 11-0 mark in the SWCL. Quaboag is 7-6 with a 6-6 SWCL record.



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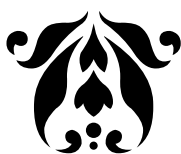
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The Lady Panthers will mostly likely be playing a non-league game at Holyoke High School next year and Burke is looking forward to making another trip to her hometown in a couple of years.

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Three-day even closes out Claremont season

WALPOLE, N.H. — As part of a three-day spectacular at Claremont Motorsports Park, the Granite State Pro Stock Series will wrap their 2021 season this Sunday, October 17. Set to compete in a 100-lap, \$4,000 to win race as part of the Fall Challenge, the series will officially crown Gabe Brown champion and thrill fans in New Hampshire with Pro Stock excitement.

Brown will look for his third win of the season at Claremont, as the Dale Shaw Race Cars driver hopes to bookend his season in Victory Lane. In the last series stop at the tricky oval, Brown dominated the 150-lap special, taking down a \$10,000 prize in his first career Pro Stock touring series win. Since that moment, he's been nearly unstoppable.

At Star Speedway, Brown dominated the race and looked to be on the way to victory before he cut down a right-front tire in the final laps, just a few miles from another checkered flag. In the last race, at Lee USA Speedway, Brown took the lead just before halfway in the Octoberfest 100 and rocketed to Victory Lane for the second time. That finish was enough to seal him the championship -- but the true title celebration will come at Claremont.

While Brown ran away with the championship this year, the battle for the runner-up spot in the standings is still up for grabs at Claremont. Series regular Josh King is second, 14 points ahead of former champion Devin O'Connell, as the two

drivers look to settle it amongst themselves. Bryan Kruczek, who will miss the Claremont event, holds fourth in the standings over Evan Beaulieu and former rookie contender Casey Call.

Fans can watch for names like Tyler Tomassi, who will be returning to action driving for Go Fas Racing, along with Josh King and some of the other top Pro Stock talent from across the region.

Although the Pro Stocks will headline the weekend on Sunday, Claremont has a full slate of racing over three days at the Fall Challenge. On Friday, a special non-winners night guarantees a few first-time winners, while Saturday, racing is headlined by a 50-lap, \$1,000 to win NHSTRA Modified weekly feature. Sunday's Pro Stock action also includes racing for the Six Shooters, Pure Stocks, Mini Stocks, Street Stocks and Late Model Sportsman. Sunday racing begins at 2 p.m. with time trials for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, while adult general admission tickets are \$25 for adults that are 13+, \$20 for seniors that are 65+ and just \$5 for children 6-12. Those five and under are free in the grandstands. Pit passes are \$40 per person, and all tickets will be sold at the track only.

For more information on Claremont Motorsports Park and the Fall Challenge, visit ClaremontMotorsportsPark.com. For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit gssps.net and follow the series on social media for the latest updates.

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players in Western Massachusetts this year.

"She's one of the best players already in Western Mass. and she's only a freshman," Masse said. "We really needed everyone to shift together a little bit better in front of her defensively, which we didn't do very well in today's game."

The home victory improved the Lady Mustangs overall record to a perfect 12-0 and they also clinched at least a share of the league title with a 9-0 mark.

"We just want to continue playing well and stay healthy," Degnan said. "We're looking forward to finishing the regular season and compete in the Western Mass. tournament in a couple of weeks. Then we'll be playing in the state tournament, which is a brand-new format for everybody this year."

Monson, who was ranked first in the latest MIAA Division 5 power rankings, locked up sole possession of the league title with a 4-2 win at Lenox High School the following day. The last time that the Lady Mustangs captured the league title was in 2018. They won eleven consecutive league titles from 2008 to 2018.

The Lady Pacers (5-6-2), who were ranked 28th in the Division 3 power rankings, also lost 5-0 to Monson in a home match back in the middle of September.

"Monson is one of the strongest teams that we've faced this season and we really don't match-up very well against them," Masse said. "They're strengths are our weaknesses. They're a very fast team and we rely more on tactics."

Chicopee junior captain Catriona Moreno suffered an injury early in the first half and she watched the rest of the match from the bench. It forced Masse to make a couple of changes.

"We lost out center midfielder early in the first half," Masse said. "We had to move several players around and we played differently after she was injured."

Chicopee senior goalkeeper Julia Robak made eight of her 15 saves against Monson during the first half, which kept her team within striking distance.

"I'm very impressed with the Chicopee goalkeeper," Degnan said. "She's very vocal and she's always very positive back there. I thought she did a very nice job in the two games we've played against them."

Less than five minutes into the opening half, Robak managed to deflect the ball away on a wide-open shot attempt by Tennessee Murphy. The rebound shot

by junior forward Emmy Finnegan deflected off a defender.

The Lady Mustangs, who outshot the Lady Pacers, 15-0, during the first 40 minutes of the match, did get on the scoreboard during the 14th minute on a corner kick goal.

Murphy took the kick from the right corner. The ball was headed into the net near the far post by sophomore midfielder Ciara Monaghan.

A couple of minutes later, Finnegan scored the Lady Mustangs second goal, which was assisted by eighth grade midfielder Hannah Murphy.

Monson's final goal of the opening half was scored by Tennessee Murphy, which was assisted by sophomore midfielder Kendall Bodak.

Leading 3-0 at halftime, Murphy scored three goals during the second half, which were assisted by senior defender Rylee Bonneau, senior defender Miranda Sandoval, and Bodak.

Sandoval's father, Celso, is the first-year head coach of the Palmer girls' varsity soccer team, which is ranked second in the Division 5 power rankings.

Murphy assisted on a goal by senior forward Alana Ellis, who fired a shot into the back of the net. Ellis also scored a pair of goals in a win at Northampton.

The Lady Pacers shots on goal during the second half were by senior midfielder Yamirelis Matos, junior forward Izabella Lapierre, sophomore midfielder Avery Placzek, junior defender Athena Cusson, senior defender Danielle Niemiec, and junior Madison Hoar.

It was the Lady Mustangs tenth shut-out of the regular season.

Rocco captures win in Day 3 of Thompson 300

THOMPSON, Conn. — Berlin, CT's Keith Rocco played a winning hand worth more than \$20,000 by making a late charge to win the Thompson 300 on Sunday, October 10 at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. Rocco bounced back from a spin to take the lead from Jon McKennedy with 18 laps remaining in the event's first edition since 2005 as part of the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing.

It was the final twist in an event that saw drama from the drop of the green. With 15 lead changes among eight drivers and compelling stories throughout the field, it was a fitting return for the legendary Modified event.

McKennedy was the dominant car in the first stage, leading 84 of the first 100 laps before the race's third caution for a Ronnie Williams spin. Mike Christopher Jr. took the lead on the restart just before a turn-two pile-up that put Dave Sapienza, Williams, Andy Jankowiak, and Noah Korner out of the running while wounding several others.

Things settled down in the middle stage as teams plotted their pit stops and tried to plan the best strategy around the caution flags. McKennedy dropped back near halfway with a loose spoiler, which allowed Ron Silk, Justin Bonsignore, and Anthony Nocella to take turns at the front. After making repairs during a pit stop, McKennedy worked his way back to the front, snatching the lead from Nocella with just over 100 laps to go.

Reigning NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Bonsignore outgunned McKennedy to regain the point after Eric Goodale hit the turn four wall on lap 217. McKennedy then took it back fol-



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Keith Rocco was a winner in the final day of the Thompson 300.

lowing caution number 12 on lap 248 and started to pull away.

But with 28 laps to go, Rocco — who had been noticeably off the pace during the most recent green flag run — looped his #57 in turn four. Rocco turned the misstep into an opportunity by ducking onto pit road during the ensuing yellow for fresh tires along with Chris Pasteryak, Andrew Krause, Tommy Barrett, and Paul "Buddy" Charette — who had just gotten back on the lead lap after being three laps down at one point.

When the race resumed, Rocco and Charette both went into overdrive. Rocco was already up to fourth when Nocella's car shut down six laps later for another caution, and after slicing to the second spot on the restart, he went after McKennedy. The multi-time Modified Racing Series champion parried Rocco's first pass attempt with a crossover move, but Rocco made it work the second time to take the lead on lap 282.

McKennedy settled into sec-

ond with Silk, Doug Coby, and Charette on his tail as they all tried to figure out their final move. But as the field got the 10-to-go signal, McKennedy's car shut down, eliminating him from contention. Rocco easily got the break on the final restart and pulled away to claim the victory and the \$20,000-plus prize.

Charette made a bold move inside Silk the final time through turn three to claim an unlikely second-place finish and a large prize of his own. Nocella rebounded to take fourth. Matt Swanson, Coby, Andrew Krause, Barrett, Pasteryak, and Bonsignore rounded out the top-10.

Branford, CT's Jonathan Puleo capped his first year in the Sunoco Modifieds by holding off Saturday's Triple Crown Series winner Todd Owen for an upset victory. Puleo grabbed the lead from Troy Talman on lap 6 of the 30-lap feature with Keith Rocco following his tire tracks to second. But instead of Rocco making a move on the youngster, it was Puleo pulling

away as Rocco fell into the clutches of Owen.

Joe Allegro Jr. and Adam Gada did a tandem spin out of turn four on lap 19 to bring out the first caution, and after rain sprinkles caused a brief delay, the field re-racked for a restart. Ronnie Williams shot around the outside of Owen at the green flag and pulled alongside Rocco in turn three. But coming out of turn four, the two got together, and Williams rode the frontstretch wall to the start-finish line. Rocco's car was also torn up with both forced out of the event.

Puleo and Owen lined up door to door on the new restart, and Puleo again got the advantage. Owens pressured him the rest of the event and took one last peek inside the final corner but could not stop Puleo from getting his first Sunoco Modified victory.

The second-place finish for Owen gave him the Triple Crown Series championship. Despite ending the race in the garage, Rocco won the season-long title, which is his ninth Thompson Speedway track championship and fifth in a row. Troy Talman came home third in the feature followed by Andrew Molleur, Mike Christopher Jr., John Lowinski-Loh, Joe Allegro Jr., Chase Cook, Tyler Barry, and Teddy Hodgdon.

Candia, NH's P.J. Stergios took a dominating victory in the 25-lap NEMA Lites feature. Stergios moved to the front early and faced some initial pressure from Randy Cabral, who had won the NEMA Midget and Pro 4 Modified features the night before. But his bid for a weekend trifecta was denied as Stergios marched off and left him behind in a caution-free race.

'Bulky Day' returns for unloading furniture, etc.

For the first time since 2017, the Town of Palmer is holding a "Bulky Day" from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 30, at the DPW, 1015 Bridge Street, Palmer to unload furniture, electronics and more. There is a fee schedule to dump various items as follows:

Furniture: Chair, \$10; Loveseat, \$15; Sofa, \$20; Sofa (sleeper), \$30; Mattress/Boxspring Up to Queen Size, \$30, (King Size, \$30); Metal Items: Bicycle, \$10; Gas Grill (no propane tank), \$10; Hot Water Heater, \$10; Lawn Mower (no gas or oil), \$25; White Metal (Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove, Washer), \$10; Misc. Metal (per cubic yard), \$25. Waste Ban/Misc. items – CFC'S (A/C, Dehumidifier, Freezer, Refrigerator, \$30; CRT's (Television/Computer Monitors), \$30; Tires: Off rim, \$4 each; On rim, \$15. Questions? Call DPW: 413-283-2615

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putting this event together on Halloween is to get residents out of their houses, mingling with one another and town officials, and give back to their community. It's also an opportunity to help remove the stigma of town officials being disconnected with residents, she said.

"I feel like it used to be a lot worse with an 'us versus them' mentality," Staples said. "All in all, we're all just people doing a job. Sometimes my job inconveniences other people, but we show up, work and care about our community and the people we serve."

While waiting for Halloween to arrive, Town Hall is now hosting a contest for the best decorated pumpkin in the building. All residents are

welcome to come to Town Hall and vote for their favorites from now until Oct. 29. All departments are participating. Also, organizations in town, such as the Council on Aging and Monson Free Library, are putting their best pumpkins forward.

Assessor's Clerk Heather Wilson, who is responsible for putting the event together, said she wanted to get town officials to come together and put their personalities on display, too.

"It's nice to show that the people behind the plexiglas are people and we get excited, involved, and have some fun for the season," Wilson said.

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McColl Rhodes grew up in Monson and attended Monson public schools before enrolling at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, it was during her exploratory freshman year where she found her passion for automotive collision repair.

Upon her graduation in 2013, McColl started work at Nesco Sales, Inc. in Bondsville. She honed her skills working as a technician, performing all facets of collision repair for five years.

McColl's desire to further her personal development led her to study for her auto damage appraisers license, which she earned in 2019. During this time, McColl transitioned from the shop into the office at Nesco Sales, where she is now the estimator and office manager. McColl uses her knowledge of vehicle repair to help customers understand the process required to properly and safely repair their vehicle.

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DEATH NOTICES

William L. Hunter, 79
Died: Oct. 15, 2021
Funeral Mass: 10 a.m. Oct. 22 at Divine Mercy Parish

Frederick A. Waldron, 88
Died: Oct. 12, 2021

The Journal Register OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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O B I T U A R I E S

William L. Hunter, 79

MONSON/THREE RIVERS — William L. Hunter, 79, passed away Oct. 15, 2021, with his family by his side.

Born Dec. 21, 1941, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of William and Mary (Augustine) Hunter. William graduated from Palmer High School in 1959 and lived in the town until 2016, when he moved to Monson with his daughter, Vicki.

He proudly served his country during Vietnam and was stationed in the Philippines. He attained the rank of TSGT and went on to make the military his career. Over 40 years, he worked at Hanscom Air Force Base in various capacities.

While at Hanscom, he was proud to run their air shows and be a part of this event.

William will be dearly missed by his two daughters, Vicki Hunter and fiancé Louis Zglobicki, with whom he lived and Christine Apraham and husband Jacob Apraham of Ware. He also took great pride in his three grandchildren, Kirsten and Kylie Apraham and Ryan Hunter as well as his nephew, Issiac Hunter. William was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph and Francis Hunter, and a



sister shortly after her birth.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Divine Mercy Parish. Burial with military honors will follow in the

parish cemetery. A gathering will be held at AMVETS following the graveside service. Please consider donations in his memory to either Parkinson's Research or assist for those affected by Agent Orange. Visit beersandstory.com.

Frederick A. Waldron, 1933-2021

MONSON — Frederick A. "Ted" Waldron, 88, most recently of Cedarbrook Village in Ware, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, surrounded by love of family.

Ted was one of 15 children, born in Amherst, on Jan. 8, 1933, to the late Gertrude (Sweatt) Waldron and Leslie Waldron. He attended Turners Falls High School before enlisting in the Navy for four years. He then served in the Air Force for 20 years. Ted retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 20 years at the bulk mail center in Springfield where he was a supervisor and employee trainer.

After his retirement from the Post Office he continued working as a courier for Wing Hospital as

well as other part time jobs. Ted enjoyed playing softball, bowling, dancing, playing cards and making friends wherever her would go. His greatest love was his family and friends.

Ted was predeceased by his wife, Alice Faye Waldron and two daughters, Kelly Waldron and Kathy Perry. He leaves his daughter, Kimberly Maher of Athol, grandchildren, Stephanie Maher and her husband George Tinkelenberg of Belchertown, Jennifer Maher and her husband Ben Maher of Westfield, Jesse Perry and Jeremie Perry both of Monson; a great grandson, Oliver Maher,



son-in-laws, Jack Perry of Monson and Stephen Maher of Palmer; a sister, Lucille Paquette of Greenfield and sister-in-law, Shirley Locklear of Jefferson, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18 in Lombard Funeral Home followed by burial at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial donation in Fred's name to Baystate Hospice 30 Capital Drive West Springfield, MA 01089 or a Veterans Organization of your choice. For online condolences/directions visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

Gobi announces office hours for October

State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) is announcing office hours for the month of October and invites community members to meet with her Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Lucas McDiarmid, at locations across the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District.

Office hours will last for a period of one hour at each location and are scheduled by region. All residents are invited to attend at any location. If you have questions or wish to make a special appointment with the Senator or her staff, outside of scheduled hours, call 413-324-3082. You may also email Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov.

The schedule is as follows:

Week 2- Worcester County 1
Week 3- Worcester County 2
Week 4- Hampden, Hampshire, and Western Worcester Counties

Wednesday, Oct. 20

10 - 11 a.m. at West Brookfield Senior Center; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at North Brookfield Senior Center; 1-2 p.m. at Brookfield Town Hall

Monday, Oct. 25

10 - 11 a.m. at Monson Town Hall; 1-2 p.m. at Holland Town Hall

Oct. 26

10 - 11 a.m. at Warren Senior Center; 11:30 a.m. - noon at Brimfield Senior Center

Oct. 27

10-11 a.m. at Ware Senior Center; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Palmer Public Library

Oct. 28

Noon - 1 p.m. at Wales Senior Center

Library hosts Ashe rep

A staff member from state Rep.e Brian Ashe's office will be available to meet with residents at the Monson Library on the following dates from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: Nov. 17, and Dec. 15. If you are not able to attend and have an issue or concern, contact Robin Frechette at 413-272-3922 for assistance.

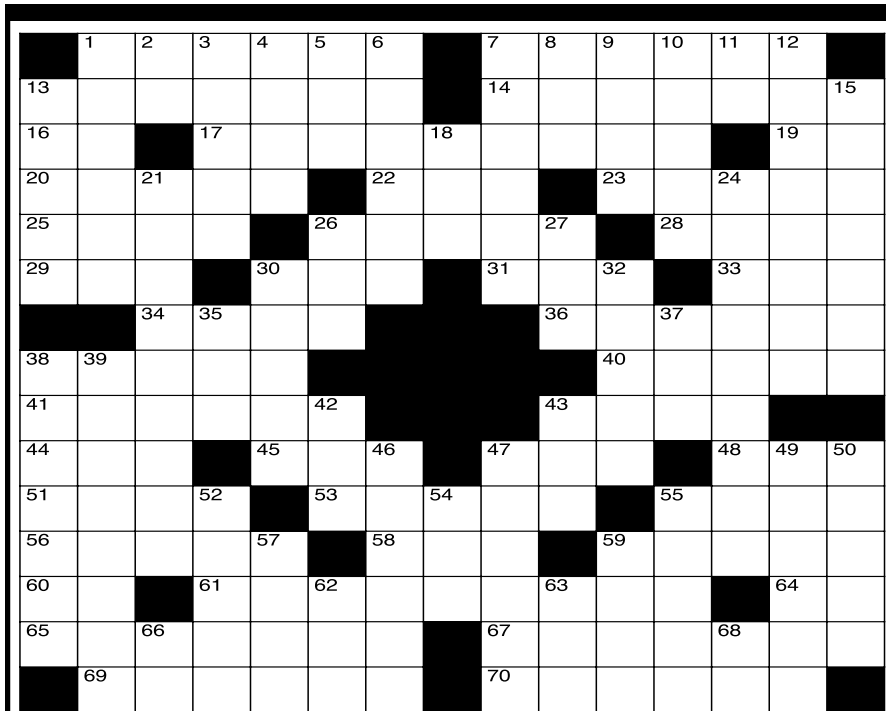
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Break record
7. Ruled Russia
13. Having several lobes
14. Walked around proudly
16. Atomic #77
17. Largest living land animals
19. The Great Lakes State
20. A type of toast
22. Partner to feather
23. Bristlelike
25. Bowfin
26. Distributes
28. Hairlike structure
29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
30. Where wrestlers work
31. Blood relation
33. A great deal
34. Round Dutch cheese
36. Move further away from
38. Type of wrap
40. Furies

41. Removes from the record
43. Young salmon
44. Feline
45. Skin decor
47. Disfigure
48. They ___
51. Formal term for "on"
53. Weight of precious stones
55. Traveled rapidly
56. Long-winged aquatic bird
58. Prickly husk
59. Expressed pleasure
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most irritable
64. Virginia
65. Optimistic
67. Humorous works
69. Arranged systematically
70. Emerges

CLUES DOWN

1. Wives of a

polygamous man
2. Where hurt ballplayers land
3. Single-celled animal
4. Rhythmic pattern
5. One from Utah
6. A group of seven
7. Refrains from inflicting
8. Light brown
9. Humanistic discipline
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. It says who you are
12. Roundworm
13. Group of Native Americans
15. Makes wider
18. Headgear
21. One who sets others free
24. Form of communication
26. A Brit's mother
27. Title of respect
30. Famed modernist painter
32. One-time province of

Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G. L. Chapter 40A § 11 the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.** at the Monson Town Hall 110 Main St. Monson, Ma 01057 on the application of Mark L. Hunter for a variance from the requirements of Section 3.2, Table 2, Dimensional & Density Regulations, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant is seeks to install a 14' x 24' garage that will violate the required front setbacks. The property is located at 351 Cedar Swamp Road, Map 128 and Parcel 8-F, and is zoned Rural Residential. David Beaudoin, Chairman 10/14, 10/21/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD21D0075DR Robert J Auld, II vs. Yu-Hsuan Chang DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Patricia Mattuski Hebert, Esq. Law Offices Of Patricia Hebert 360 Springfield St Agawam, MA 01001** your answer, if any, on or before **01/13/2022**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and

adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, **Hon. Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 7, 2021 **Rosemary A. Saccomani** Register of Probate 10/21/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD21P1877EA Estate of:

Paul John Bedula Also Known As: Paul J . Bedula Date of Death: May 16, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Debra A. Bedula** of Wales, MA,

Debra A. Bedula of Wales, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 10/21/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department Hampden Division

Docket No. HD03P181643GR1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNT To all persons interested in the estate of **CARL MAGUIRE** of Palmer, Hampden County, MA, a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth and Final Account(s)** inclusive of Bank of America, N.A. and Kathleen MacDonald, Trustees under a written instrument for the benefit of said CARL MAGUIRE have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Springfield on or before **November 5, 2021** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without a cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara m. Hyland**, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 8th day of October, 2021.

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 10/21/2021



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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Linda S. Costa to Lendia, Inc., dated February 13, 2007 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16514, Page 548 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by Judgment dated December 31, 2019, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23114, Page 480 of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-5 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5 is the present holder by Assignment from Lendia, Inc. to Option One Mortgage Corporation dated February 12, 2007 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 16920, Page 219, and Assignment from Option One Mortgage Corporation to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-5 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5 dated March 24, 2008 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 17226, Page 134, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 10 Robbins Road a/k/a 10.5 Robbins Road, Monson, MA 01057 will be sold at a Public Auction at **11:00 AM on November 4, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land together with the buildings thereon located in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, lying Southerly of Robbins Road, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly side of land now or formerly of the central Vermont Railway, Inc., at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Phyllis A. Klick, as shown as Lot No. one (1) on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 136, Page 64 and running thence

uth 10 degrees 1' 45" E, twenty-two (22) feet along said Central Vermont Railway, Inc., land to an iron pin: thence continuing

South 10 degrees 1' 45" about five (5) feet along said Central Vermont Railway, Inc. land to a point on the northwesterly bank of Chicopee Brook, thence turning and running

Southwesterly and Southerly about four hundred fifty (450) feet along said northwesterly bank of Chicopee Brook to a point at land now or formerly of Robert P. and Sandra P. Lobik thence turning and running

N. 81 degrees 55' W., about ten (10) feet along said land of Lobik to an iron pin, a straight line tie distance between the last two mentioned iron pins being S. 16 degrees 38' W., four hundred and 89/100 (400.89) feet: thence continuing

N. 81 degrees 55" W., three hundred twelve and 22/100 (312.22) feet along said land of Lobik and land now or formerly of Pearl M. Claing to an iron pin; thence turning and running

S. 87 degrees 47" W, one hundred forty-four and 02/100 (144.02) feet along land of Claing to an iron pin: thence turning and running

S. 80 degrees 20' W, four hundred nine and 25/100 (409.25) feet along said land of Claing to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Edward J. Dunn; thence turning and running

N. 44 degrees 34' 15" W., one hundred fourteen and 22/100 (114.22) feet along said land of Dunn to an iron pin: thence turning and running

N. 42 degrees 45' 30" W., one hundred eighty-five and 78/100 (185.78) feet along said land of Dunn to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Kenneth A. and Elizabeth R. Raymond thence turning and running

N. 79 degrees 26' 45" E., one thousand one hundred ninety - three and 60/100 (1193.60) feet along said land of Raymond land now or formerly of David Mitchell, Jr., land now or formerly of Donald L. and Suk Cha Bergeron land now

or formerly of John J., Jr and Rose M. Sherlock land now or formerly of Fredrick J. and Reva D. Tomasek and said land now or formerly of Phyllis A. Klick to the point of beginning.

Containing about 6.5 acres The above described premises are shown on a plan entitled Plan of land in Monson Mass surveyed for George E. Largevin dated October 16, 1973 made by Kenneth C. Sherman Engineer-Surveyor recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 147, Page 102.

Together with a right of way ten (10) feet in width for ingress and egress to and from the above described premises as set forth in deed dated October 10, 1952 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2204, Page 145.

Being the same premises as deeded by George E. Langevin dated January 17, 1978 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4542, Page 127.

The property will be sold subject to the Classified Forest-Agricultural or Horticultural-Recreational Land Tax Lien recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 17601, Page 446 and Book 21030, Page 288.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4542, Page 127.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-5 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5

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**Commonwealth of
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The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
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Docket No. HD21P1679EA**

Estate of:

**Maryanne Haggerty
Date of Death: 07/19/2021
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Justin Haggerty** of Longmeadow, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Justin Haggerty** of Longmeadow, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 08, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/21/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD21P1968EA**

Estate of:

**Joseph Charles
Messina, Jr.
Also Known As:
Joseph C. Messina, Jr.
Date of Death:
August 08, 2021**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joshua Messina** of Monson, MA.

Joshua Messina of Monson, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/21/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD21P1960EA**

Estate of:

**Edmund Sandomierski
Date of Death: 03/02/2021
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas C Sandomierski** of Monson, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:**Thomas C Sandomierski** of Monson, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/11/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 14, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/21/2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michelle M. Ward FKA Michelle Lamb to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated February 15, 2018 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22069, Page 436 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns to Quicken Loans Inc. dated January 4, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22516, Page 334, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 108 Peterson Road, Palmer, MA 01069 will be sold at a Public Auction at **2:00 PM on November 1, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Land situated in the City of Palmer in the County of Hampden in the State of MA
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NORTH 22 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT OR PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED

FIFTY-FOUR AND 41/100 (154.41) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE

NORTH 17 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 0 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT OR PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND (150.01) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE

NORTH 82 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BORDER OF LOT #14 (FOURTEEN) AS SHOWN ON PLAN 266/54, A TOTAL DISTANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE AND 95/100 (463.95) TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE

SOUTH 08 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BORDER OF LOT #14 (FOURTEEN) AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, A TOTAL DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 00/700 (125.00) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE

NORTH 81 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 00 SECONDS ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF JOSEPH D. & SHIRLEY NACSIN, A TOTAL DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 78/100 (120.78) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE

SOUTH 00 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A TOTAL DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 80/100 (122.80) FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE

NORTH 88 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY BORDER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF DANIEL A & JUDITH A. HULL A TOTAL DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 86/100 (218.86) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only.

Being the same property conveyed to Michelle Lamb, by deed dated January 5, 2012 of record in Deed Book 19142, Page 491, in the County Clerk's Office.

Commonly known as: 108 Peterson Road, Palmer, MA 01069-9847

THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19142, Page 491.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Ward, Michelle M.,
19-034745
10/07, 10/14, 10/21/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P1894EA**

**Estate of:
Raymond A Warren
Date of Death:
09/15/2019**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Edmond A. Warren Jr.** of Holland, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Edmond A. Warren Jr. of Holland, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/21/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David W. White to Monson Savings Bank, said mortgage being dated November 30, 2001, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 12006, Page 450, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 18, 2021**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 1544 Dunhamtown Brimfield Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Parcel 1
Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor;

THENCE N. 28° 22' w. along said last named land one hundred fifty (150) feet to land now or formerly of James J. and Dorothea Mooney;

THENCE N. 61° 38' E. along last named land one hundred (100) feet;

THENCE S. 28° 22' E. along land now or formerly of Richard B. and Nicole L. Vrona and Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor one hundred fifty (150) feet to the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road;

THENCE S. 62° 38' W. along said northerly line of Dunhamtown Road one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Together with the right of sharing the use of the well with Guy and Lillian R. Picard, successors in title to Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor, which well is on the property of the said Picards, subject to the duty of also sharing the maintenance of said well, if so used. The cost of electricity to run the well pump will be shared equally, if used, with the said Picards with each party paying yearly the meter to be changed or read each year on June 1.

Parcel II
Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road, said point being 100 feet easterly measured along said northerly line of Dunhamtown Road from the south easterly corner of land now or formerly of Terrence B. and

Shirley A. O'Connor;

THENCE N. 28° 22' W. along land now or formerly of said O'Connors are one hundred fifty (150) feet to land of James J. and Dorothea Mooney;

THENCE N. 61° 38' E. along last named land eighty and 38/100 (80.38) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Southern New England Railroad Co.,;

THENCE S. 35° 33' 17" E. along said last named land one hundred thirty-two and 88/100 (132.88) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE S. 42° 55' W. fifty six and 60/100 (56.60) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE 61° 38' w. along said northerly side of Dunhamtown Road Forty-three and 40/100 (43.40) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises prior hereto at B 12006 P 447

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

TERMS OF SALE:

The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$5,000.00 deposit, (but no less than \$5,000.00) with the Mortgagee's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagees attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagee, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale

date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Monson Savings Bank,
Present Holder of said Mortgage

By
David A. Lavenburg, Its
BACON WILSON, P.C.
33 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-781-0560
10/21, 10/28, 11/04/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
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50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD21P1884EA**

Estate of:

**Emily J Wight
Also known as:
Emily Jean Wight**

**Date of Death: 06/03/2021
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Diane E Wight** of Sanibel, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Diane E Wight** of Sanibel, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/03/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 06, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/21/2021

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Sunday, Nov. 7	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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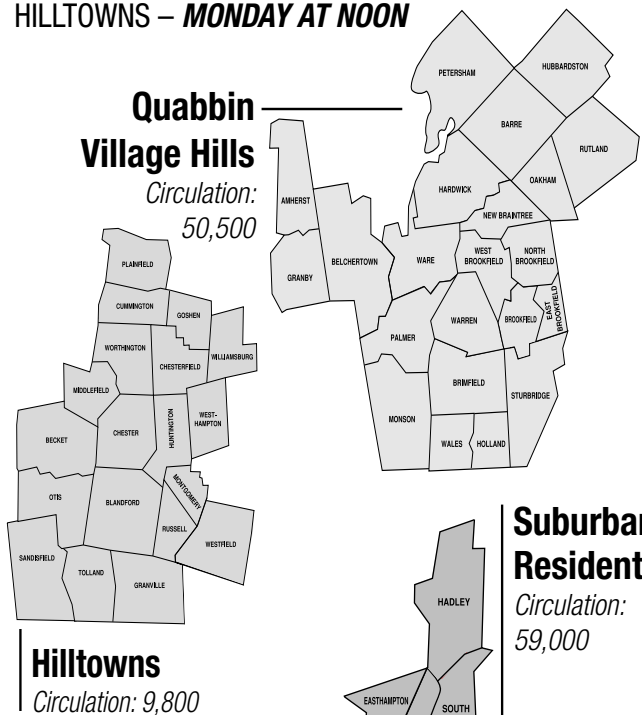


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Police Logs

PALMER POLICE DEPT.

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 456 calls and made seven arrests or summons for arrests Oct. 12 – 19. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Friday, Oct. 15

Morgan James Biastoff, 45, of 10 Michael Dr., Thorndike, was arrested at 7:56 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

MONSON POLICE DEPT.

The Monson Police Department responded to five arrests or summons for arrests Oct. 10 - 16. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Sunday, Oct. 10

Donna J. Adams, 51, of 48 Eddy St., Apt. B, Ware, was arrested at 8:34 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; having no inspection sticker and possession of a Class B drug.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 11 calls Oct. 12 - 18:

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7:55 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide detector activation on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 8:17 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 2:23 p.m., the department responded to a lockout on Converse Street. The department returned to service at 2:34 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 4:14 p.m., the department responded to a dispatch that was cancelled en route on Riverview PKY. The department returned to service at 4:20 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, at 8:32 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 8:44 a.m.

On Friday, Oct. 15, at 11:07 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 11:25 a.m.

On Friday, Oct. 15, at 2:15 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 2:36 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 15, at 9:28 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Fox Street. The department returned to service at 10:26 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, at 4:39 p.m., the department responded to a cooking fire on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 5:03 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 18, at 1:04 a.m., the department responded to a false alarm on Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:57 a.m.

On Monday, Oct. 18, at 11:15 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 11:58 a.m.

On Monday, Oct. 18, at 3:30 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Fieldstone Drive. The department returned to service at 3:56 p.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to three calls Oct. 12 - 18:

On Thursday, Oct. 14, at 4:13 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. The department returned to service at 4:52 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 15, at 1:23 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:43 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 18, at 1:04 a.m., the department responded to a mutual aid call on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 1:44 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to three calls Oct. 13 – 19:

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 2:11 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:43 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 18, at 1:05 a.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 1:47 a.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 8:22 a.m., the department responded to an over pressured asphalt truck on Burlingame Road. The department returned to service at 8:33 a.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to one fire call and 23 EMS calls Oct. 11 – 17:

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7:19 p.m., the department responded to a motorcycle fire on Main Street. The department returned to service at 7:37 p.m.



Sturbridge Fire Department responded to a second-alarm structure fire at Thousand Trails Campground on Mashapaug Road on Oct. 14. The department had help from many area fire departments.



Courtesy photos

A cabin at Thousand Trails Campground, now known as Sturbridge RV Park, on Mashapaug Road caught fire on Oct. 14. Its cause remains under investigation.

Campground cabin fire remains under investigation

STURBRIDGE – On Oct. 14, just after 11 a.m., Sturbridge Fire responded to a second-alarm structure fire in a cabin at the Thousand Trails Campground on Mashapaug Road. The fire was quickly knocked down and contained. The cause is still under investigation. There were no known injuries.

The Fire Department offered a huge thanks to its mutual aid companies that came in to help out, which included a Charlton engine, a Southbridge tower truck, a Brimfield tanker, a Holland tanker, Brimfield EMS and Auburn Fire RIT. A Charlton Fire deputy chief provided incident command and a Southbridge deputy fire chief provided operations help.

Also, Brookfield an engine to cover the town for other calls as did Oxford Fire, who provided EMS coverage.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Like to read? Join the book club!

HOLLAND — The book club meets at 1pm the second Monday of the month at the Holland Community Center. Copies of the monthly book selection, in a variety of formats, are available for curbside checkout at the Holland Public Library.

The Holland Community Center at 40 Brimfield Road offers fun, educational, and life-enriching activities for all ages. There are nutritious, homemade meals as well. Here's a look at what's going on this month:

Every Monday

Mah Jongg – 10:15 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Texas Hold'em – 4:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday

Crafters Social – 10:30 a.m.
Dominoes – 10:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday

Mix it Up – 10 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Mah Jongg – 1 p.m.

Every Thursday

Food Drive – 11 a.m.
Cribbage – 12:15 p.m.
Pitch – 5 p.m.
Yoga – 6 p.m.

Dominoes – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Did you play dominoes as a kid? Have you heard of the Mexican Train version? We are playing every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. If you've played before, or you're new to the game, it won't mat-

ter. We have lots of fun. We just learned about an app for counting the dots so you can play using dots, or using numbers, whichever you prefer. We already have a few new players and they're having a good time. RSVP encouraged but walk-ins allowed.

Helping Wales Community Pantry

We are still collecting food for the Wales Community Pantry. The Pantry serves the residents of Holland, Wales, and Brimfield. They need peanut butter, jelly, Spam, cereal, and other nonperishable goods. You can drop off food anytime or day the Center is open. Monetary Donations can be made out to Wales Community Pantry. Monetary Donations help the Pantry to order fresh meats and produce.

Need pet food?

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow has been very generous helping the residents of Holland and other towns by bringing dog and cat food here each week. If you need some for your animals, please stop by any time we are open.

Hungry?

You can dine-in or take out meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. Take out Pick up is 11:45 a.m.-noon. Dine-in is at noon. A \$3 donation RSVP required. Due to a wonderful donation from the Holland Council on Aging, any Holland senior resident will be able to get their lunch for a \$3 suggested donation. *

For a \$5 suggested donation you will get the entrée, a side and dessert.

All ages are welcome to order.

October menu:

Oct. 25 – Food prepared by Angry Panda Food Co
(Chicken and Broccoli Stir Fry, Fried Rice, Egg Rolls)
Oct. 27 – Chicken Pot Pie

Note: The reservation needs to be in by the Thursday the week before so Rose will have ample time to get ingredients. Unfortunately, unlike some other centers, we do not have access to a food bank or commodities monthly, so the prices are higher for many items at this time.

Special October Events

10/25 Papercrafts 1 p.m.
10/27 Movie 1 p.m.

Want more?

Here's are other activities that may interest you:

Crafter's Social and Quilting - Bring whatever you would like to work on, or learn something new from these talented ladies, or just sit and chat. Tuesday mornings at 10:30.

Go online for info

town.holland.ma.us/community-center

Be sure to check out the new Outreach page on Facebook at Holland-Outreach-Holland-MA.

* Please have exact change if possible.

Armenian Food Festival Celebrates National Cuisine

INDIAN ORCHARD — St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church members will hold their annual Armenian Food Festival noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, as an in-person and take-out event at 135 Goodwin Street in Indian Orchard.

Visitors will enjoy a variety

of traditional Armenian foods. Meals will be served featuring two kinds of grilled kebab – shish kebab (marinated lamb chunks) and losh kebab (seasoned ground lamb and beef) – served with rice pilaf, fasoulia (Armenian green beans), and pita bread. For lighter fare, visitors can order spinach-cheese pie.

Baked goods will feature traditional Armenian breads and pastries including choerag, paklava, kourabia, and khadayif.

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What’s happening at the Palmer Library?

The Palmer Public Library at 1455 North Main Street, has all new programs for teens and young adults this month while existing favorite activities, such as the Writers Circle, Anime Club, and Book Club continue. For more information and to register for events when required, go to palmerlibrary.org. To speak with a librarian, call 413-283-3330.

Here’s what’s new:
Teen Take & Make Craft: Book Page Pumpkin Garland
Open to ages 12-18
Kits include pumpkins cut out of book pages, yarn or twine, paint, glitter
Registration Required. Kits picked up in house or via curbside services for the entire month of October!
(See our website or email bkenney@palmerlibrary.org/ call 413-283-3330 ext.128)

Mysterious Massachusetts (in person) 6 p.m. Oct. 26 For ages 12+
Every state has its ghost stories, but no other state has the Dover Demon or the Salem Witch Trials. From sea-side ghosts, to UFOs over the Berkshires, Massachusetts has a rich history of paranormal legend, odd events, and strange denizens. In this workshop, we have a look at some of the most famous of Massachusetts paranormal history. Hosted by Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe. Registration encouraged.

Teen Pumpkin Carving (outdoors) 4-5:30 p.m. Oct. 28
Ages 12-18. Registration Required.

Teen Halloween Party! 4:30-8 p.m. Oct. 30 For ages 13-18
Costume Contest, games, crafts, snacks, pizza!
Outdoor movie screening of Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (PG-13) from 6-8 p.m.
Party hosted in the fenced side yard of the library/back parking lot. Pickup and drop off at front of building (street facing side in the horseshoe).
Registration Encouraged but not required. Sign up on our website or email bkenney@palmerlibrary.org/ Call 413-283-3330x128
This is a special after-hours event. The library will NOT be open to the general public during the event.

PHCC’s Tree and Wreath Festival returns for a 9th year

Other events scheduled; Business sponsors needed

PALMER — The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center is pleased to inform patrons and the surrounding communities that the ninth annual Tree and Wreath Festival will be returning to PHCC this year on Dec. 3–5 and Dec. 11–12.
This has been a very popular event over the years, a highlight of the holiday season for local adults and children. It is also important event to PHCC, as it not only brings joy to the local communities, but it is also a major annual fundraiser.
That aspect is especially important this year, after 20 months of paying monthly expenses and not being able to generate income through programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PHCC just recently re-opened for in-person performances and events.
The Tree and Wreath festival has been successful due to the generosity of many businesses and individual donations of



Courtesy photos

A local favorite, the Tree and Wreath Festival, is back for a ninth year. Stop by to purchase your Christmas tree or wreath or a chance to win them in a raffle. Proceeds benefit the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, which is struggling to rebound from the pandemic.

wreaths, trees, ornaments, and gifts, as well as all those who pur-



Torie Jock and the Rockness Monster celebrate a new album please with a concert at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center.

chase raffle tickets for a chance to win and take home their favorite tree or wreath.
To continue the success of this event, PHCC is once again looking for businesses, organizations, individuals, and families that are interested in supporting this fundraiser by sponsoring a tree and/or wreath. The proceeds from this event will be used by PHCC in carrying out the PHCC mission in providing diversified cultural events to not only to

Palmer, but to the surrounding communities and Western Mass. region. If you would like to learn more as to how you can sponsor a tree or wreath, visit the PHCC website – palmerhcc.org – for information and downloadable forms. If you have questions, email palmerhcc@gmail.com or call the PHCC at 413-289-9295 or Bob Haveles at 413-283-3054.

Album please concert, History Night
Leading up to the Tree and Wreath Festival, PHCC has scheduled other events for your enjoyment: On Saturday, Nov. 6, there will be an album release concert with Torie Jock and the Rockness Monster, who will perform songs from Torie’s new album, “Damaged Goods.” CDs will be available for purchase that evening. Torie Jock is a resident of Ware. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Concert is at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$14 at the door.
On Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. there will be a special World War II history night with the “Filthy Thirteen.” It’s an evening for history buffs with World War II sto-

ries from the original Filthy Thirteen. Jake E. McNiece, who was in charge of the group, was one of two Oklahoma Native Americans and was known for his boyhood fights and non-military style. The famous, star-studded movie, “The Dirty Dozen” was made with the Filthy Thirteen in mind.
Come and spend a night with the PHCC, where you can learn more about the World War II experience. Veterans are encouraged to share their own World War II experiences during this event, pPresented by Rick Pobieglo and Ed Przybycien.
On Sunday, Nov. 21, PHCC welcomes a nostalgic musical performance by Joe Pereira and Amanda Rowe through their concert “It Takes Two” performing a variety of America’s favorite duets. The concert is at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.
Tickets for these two concerts and all events held at the PHCC can be purchased on Eventbrite or by visiting PHCC’s website at palmerhcc.org. Call 413-289-9295 with any event or box office ticket questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

Editor’s note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

PUMPKIN PATH ACTIVITIES: Pumpkin Path is a fresh community tradition at Hitchcock Academy that boasts festive and creative, hands-on family fun, lighting up the lawn of the nonprofit community center in Brimfield with locally carved pumpkins in a path around the building. This year’s event will be held 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Hitchcock Academy, 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield.

PUMPKIN CARVING: Ware Grange’s Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Tuesday, October 26 at 6pm at the Grange Hall on Belchertown Road in Ware. This family fun event features pumpkin carving, a spooky Halloween story for kids, and a snack will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun. Please note that masks are required inside the Grange Hall.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church, 1060 Central Street in Palmer invites everyone to its special Blessing of the Animals service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24. All are invited to bring their well-behaved pet on a leash, in a carrier, cage, or bowl to be blessed. Pictures of your pets are also welcome.

SOON

COLONIAL DISEASES: Dennis Picard’s “Pox, Pus, and Creeping Miasma: Disease and Death in Colonial New England” is a free virtual Zoom presentation offered to the public by the Palmer Library at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Life was precarious in early New England, and there were many perils, not the least of which was the cyclical appearance of fatal epidemics. Another equal danger to health was the state of medicine and its understanding of what caused - and how to cure - some of the more common and serious of those afflictions. Dennis Picard will share a bit about the symptoms, causes and treatments endured by those living in North East and English colonies. Register at palmerlibrary.org/events.

TRUNK OR TREAT: The Holland Elementary School PTO is holding a trunk or treat at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Care should line up on East Brimfield Road.

HALLOWEEN FUN: Do your kids have pre-trick or treating plans? No? Well, Scouts BSA Troop 5164 and Cub Scout Pack 164 are celebrating Halloween with some great activities including spooky games, inflatable archery, prizes, and of course, lots of treats – and more. This event is open to all Palmer children 5-17 years old and their families and everyone is encouraged to wear their costumes. Noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 31 at Second Congregational Church in Palmer.

CRAFTS FAIR: The Saints Peter and Paul Rosary Sodality Of Divine Mercy parish will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Craft Fair 9 a.m. to Nov. 13. Proceeds help fund various Parish projects. The fair will be held in the Parish Center on Main Street in Three River. Parking and admission are free. There will be a Christmas Blessing Lottery Tree with \$1,000 worth of lottery tickets as first prize, talented local artists, and refreshments.

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